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A sweet return

'Candy bomber' joins tens of thousands on base for 70th anniversary of Berlin Airlift's end **Page 7**



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Retired U.S. Col. Gail Halvorsen attends a ceremony marking the 70th anniversary of the Berlin Airlift at Clay Kaserne airfield in Wiesbaden, Germany, on Monday.

Army pulls support for HBO series about US teens living on base in Italy

By NANCY MONTGOMERY
Stars and Stripes

VICENZA, Italy — The director: an Oscar-nominated Italian known for sumptuous, sensual movies featuring beautiful people desiring each other in beautiful, sun-drenched places.

The story: the coming of age of an American boy and a group of friends one glorious summer after the boy moves in with his mother, the commander of a U.S. Army base very much like Caserma Ederle.

The Army: wants nothing to do with it.

An upcoming HBO series co-written and directed by

Luca Guadagnino, called "We Are Who We Are" and focusing on American military teenagers in Italy, won't have the Defense Department's support, said Lt. Col. Robert Bockholt, film and television liaison at the Los Angeles office of the chief of public affairs.

"There were concerns about the content of the script," Bockholt said. "There are themes in the script that do not fit in what the Defense Department would support."

Bockholt declined to specify what those themes were but said the decision to pull support for the series was made after the second script revision.

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Director Luca Guadagnino is working with HBO on a series involving teens growing up on a U.S. military base in Italy. The Defense Department pulled its support for the project due to concerns about content.

Courtesy of Sony Pictures Classics



PACIFIC

Japan: F-35A pilot was likely disoriented

By HANA KUSUMOTO
Stars and Stripes

TOKYO — The pilot whose Japan Air Self-Defense Force F-35A Lightning II plunged into the Pacific Ocean in April probably experienced spatial disorientation, which led to the fatal crash, the JASDF said in a statement Monday.

"It is assumed that the pilot most likely was in a state of 'spatial disorientation' (in a state of losing a sense of equilibrium) and did not realize it," the statement said.

The remains of Maj. Akinori Hosomi were recovered Wednesday, two months after his fighter went down about 85 miles east of Misawa Air Base, its home field in northeastern Japan, just before 7:30 p.m. April 9, Defense Minister Takeshi Iwaya said Friday.

Defense officials believe the advanced stealth fighter was performing normally and Hosomi was conscious up until the crash. The JASDF said the accident in-

vestigation is still underway and that its statement Monday represents the most likely cause.

The probable cause statement was based on information from radar, flight controllers, hearings conducted with other pilots and the F-35 multifunction advanced datalink, a system in the aircraft that allows pilots in a four-ship flight group to exchange data, according to the JASDF statement.

The JASDF found no signs of the F-35A lost power during the fatal flight or that Hosomi tried to recover the aircraft when it reached the minimum altitude to do so, according to their statement.

"There was no indication of emergency escape," the statement said. The aircraft was destroyed "and parts and fragments scattered at sea bottom."

The Defense Ministry reported finding the aircraft's left and right rudders two hours after it disappeared. Sometime after May 3, during a deep-water search, more parts of the fighter

were found, including its canopy and flight data recorder, Iwaya said May 7.

However, Iwaya at the time said the flight recorder memory and storage medium were not recovered.

According to the JASDF statement Monday:

- Ground controllers at 7:26 p.m. instructed Hosomi — who was taking part in an exercise with three other JASDF F-35As — to descend from 31,500 feet altitude to avoid U.S. military aircraft approaching at 37,500 feet.

- Hosomi acknowledged — "Yes, understood" — then turned left and descended 16,000 feet in about 20 seconds, indicating a speed of 486 knots, or 900 kph.

- Fifteen seconds after the first command, controllers instructed Hosomi to turn left. The aircraft continued to descend left. In a "calm voice," Hosomi said, "Yes, knock it off," a response JASDF interpreted to mean Hosomi was quitting the exercise.

- He descended another 14,500 feet in 15 seconds, indicating a speed of about 1,100 kph, or nearly 600 knots.

- The aircraft went missing from radar at less than 1,000 feet above the ocean surface.

The JASDF said it's not likely that Hosomi lost consciousness due to low oxygen in the 15 seconds between communications with controllers. It's also unlikely he blacked out due to excessive g-forces, or gravity-induced loss of consciousness, according to the statement.

The JASDF tentatively ruled out failure of the engine, electrical system or control surfaces since the airplane appeared to maneuver normally and Hosomi was able to communicate and he did not indicate any abnormalities during the flight, according to the statement.

All JASDF F-35As remained grounded as of Monday afternoon, according to a JASDF spokesman. Iwaya said last week

the fighters will resume flight operations after investigators determine the accident cause and steps are taken to ensure flight safety. Those steps include reeducating F-35A pilots on spatial disorientation and putting them through training in simulators, according to the statement.

All F-35As will be scrutinized and pilots restrained on gravity-induced loss of consciousness, or G-LOC, since neither can be definitely ruled out as factors in the crash, although the probability either occurred is low, according to the statement.

"It is truly regrettable that we lost such an excellent pilot," Iwaya said during a press conference Friday. "We truly respect Maj. Hosomi, who was lost while devotedly performing his duty, and we extend our heartfelt condolences and offer our deepest sympathies to the family."

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Marine arrested after hit-run on Japanese police car in Okinawa

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CAMP FOSTER, Okinawa — An Okinawa-based Marine was arrested Thursday following a chase that Japanese police said involved reckless driving and a hit and run on a police cruiser.

Cpl. Darren Jamarcus Brewington, 23, of Camp Kinser, was arrested sometime after 10:30 p.m. when Japanese police were called regarding two cars driving

recklessly on Route 58 in Chatan, Okinawa Police deputy chief Hirotoshi Iha said Friday.

Police arrived at the scene and spotted a vehicle matching the description of one of the cars parked on the sidewalk in the Kamisado area of Chatan.

When police pulled up behind the suspect vehicle, the driver backed up and struck the Japanese cruiser twice before fleeing the scene, Iha said.

Police received a subsequent call of a

man "acting suspiciously" and "wandering" in a nearby Chatan neighborhood, Iha said. Police then found Brewington on a local resident's property, and the vehicle involved in the hit and run was found close by.

Brewington was arrested without incident, Iha said.

The officers were not injured in the hit-and-run crash.

Brewington was in custody Friday evening while police investigate. He is

charged with breaking and entering, which in Japan is a charge similar to trespassing, Iha said.

"We are investigating if Brewington was the suspect who hit the officers' car, then took off," Iha said. "If we find out it was Brewington, we will add violation of Road Traffic Law charges."

Alcohol was not a factor in the incident, Iha said.

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Eighth Army fills time capsule with units' mementos

BY KIM GAMEL
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CAMP HUMPHREYS, South Korea — The Eighth Army sealed a time capsule filled with letters, challenge coins and even a CD on Monday as it wrapped up a three-day celebration of its 75th anniversary.

Commander Lt. Gen. Michael Bills put a final letter in the capsule, then he and Command Sgt. Maj. Jason Schmidt placed the capsule inside a memorial stone, which was decorated with the anniversary logo and insignias from the units that have comprised the field army. It is to remain sealed until the Eighth Army's centennial.

"This capsule represents generations of soldiers and leaders," Bills said before it was sealed. "It represents the collective achievement of the men and women with the Eighth Army."

The time capsule was sealed next to a statue of former Eighth Army commander and Korean War hero Gen. Walton Walker in the yard outside the headquarters

building on Camp Humphreys, the new center for the U.S. military in South Korea.

Each subordinate unit placed a memento inside the capsule, which was filled with items such as letters, division patches, challenge coins, a baseball cap and a sports jersey.

Standing next to the capsule before the ceremony, Brig. Gen. Michel Russell Sr., who leads the Daegu-based 19th Expeditionary Sustainment Command, slipped in a coin commemorating his unit's 55th anniversary, in addition to a plaque that was already inside.

"We've only ever been in Korea," Russell said. "I thought it would be appropriate to add that one-time coin inside the time capsule."

Retired South Korean Gen. Paik Sun-yup, 98, who served in the Korean War and became his country's first four-star officer, also donated one of his personal challenge coins.

Bills later presided over a reenlistment ceremony for 75 soldiers inside the headquarters.



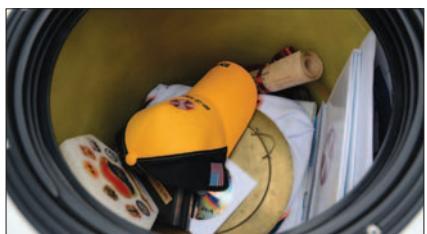
Above: Eighth Army commander Lt. Gen. Michael Bills, left, and Command Sgt. Maj. Jason Schmidt place a time capsule inside a memorial stone on Camp Humphreys, South Korea, on Monday. Below: To commemorate its 75th anniversary, the Eighth Army sealed items inside the time capsule.

PHOTOS BY KIM GAMEL/Stars and Stripes

The Eighth Army was activated on June 10, 1944, in Memphis, Tenn., and soon deployed to the Southwest Pacific to help end World War II, participating in the liberation of the Philippines and the subsequent occupation of Japan.

In 1950, it deployed to South Korea and remained after the three-year war against the communist-backed North ended with an armistice instead of a peace treaty.

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Courtesy of the South Korean Ministry of National Defense

Top: Remains that may be from an American soldier are excavated from Arrowhead Hill, South Korea, on Wednesday. **Bottom:** Buttons from a U.S. soldier's uniform and combat boots were also found.

South Korean search crews in DMZ find skeleton, possibly of US soldier

BY KIM GAMEL
AND YOO KYONG CHANG
Stars and Stripes

SEOUL, South Korea — South Korean search crews working in the heavily fortified border area found a skeleton believed to be from an American or French soldier killed during the 1950-53 Korean War, the Defense Ministry said Monday.

The remains were unearthed Wednesday during an excavation project at the former battlefield known as Arrowhead Hill, which is in the Demilitarized Zone that has divided the country since the war ended in an armistice instead of a peace treaty.

The area was cleared of land mines in the fall as part of an inter-Korean agreement reached in efforts to improve relations between the two countries in connection with separate nuclear negotiations between Pyongyang and Washington.

Talks on all fronts have stalled, but South Korea unilaterally resumed the search for remains in the DMZ on April 1, finding some 425 bone fragments and nearly 30,000 artifacts.

Those include the largely intact skeleton, which was believed to be the first from a Western sol-

dier found in the area, based on an initial analysis, according to the Defense Ministry.

'The remains are believed to be from an American or French soldier who served in the Korean War as a member of the U.N. force.'

South Korean Ministry of National Defense

cely with the U.S. Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency, or DPAA, to use DNA and other methods to identify the soldier as soon as possible.

South Korean Defense Minister Jeong Kyeong-doo also planned to visit the site with U.S. and French officials to hold a memorial service for the soldier.

Four battles took place at Arrowhead Hill, also known as Arrowhead Ridge or Hill 281, involving U.S., French and South Korean forces fighting mainly Chinese communist troops trying to invade from the North.

The Defense Ministry said more than 100 U.N. troops were killed in action and about 20 are believed to remain entombed in the area, which was a no-go zone for decades. The numbers are difficult to confirm.

More than 7,600 American troops remain missing from the war, with 5,300 believed lost in the North, according to the DPAA. More than 133,000 South Koreans are still unaccounted for, officials have said.

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As usual, the remains will be taken to the laboratory of the Defense Ministry's agency for killed in action recovery and identification, known as MAKRI, in Seoul for further identification.

The ministry said it would work

MILITARY

Naval War College leader reassigned amid probe

By JENNIFER McDERMOTT
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Associated Press

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — The head of the U.S. Naval War College was removed from his post Monday, days after The Associated Press reported he was under investigation amid allegations of mismanagement.

The Navy announced the reassignment of Rear Adm. Jeffrey Harley, who has been criticized for allegedly spending excessively, abusing his hiring authority and otherwise behaving inappropriately — including keeping a margarita machine in his office.

Lt. Cmdr. Jacqueline Pau said Monday that Navy leaders felt the change is best for the college because it maintains the integrity of the investigation. Pau, the spokeswoman for Adm. John Richardson, the chief of naval operations, said it would ensure that Harley is afforded due process.

Inspector general investigations, across the Defense Department, routinely take months or more than a year. Provost Lewis M. Duncan has temporarily assumed the president's duties.

Harley later announced his departure to the campus by saying he was "stepping down."

"Team — this will be my last email to you," Harley wrote. "Due to the distractions caused by the unfounded AP article last week, I am stepping down as President of Your college effective immediately."

Asked to clarify, college spokesman Cmdr. Gary Ross told the AP on Monday that Harley was reassigned to Washington and had not resigned.

Harley had earlier told the AP the college, located on Narragansett Bay in Newport, was under fiscal strain because the Navy hasn't fully funded new missions.

The college on Monday also postponed a strategy

forum that was due to start Tuesday and was expected to draw high-ranking officials including Navy Secretary Richard V. Spencer; along with hundreds of guests. Spencer was still scheduled to speak Friday at the graduation ceremony for the elite school, which grooms future admirals and generals.

Emails obtained by the AP show the college has struggled to make payroll under Harley's leadership and spent about \$725,000 annually on raises while facing an annual shortfall of \$5 million or more.

Harley said in an email this year that the school had to make across-the-board cuts to ensure it met payroll. He recently asked for more cutbacks in travel budgets.

Multiple current and former college employees blamed the budget problems in part on substantial raises granted by Harley to some faculty, as well as spending on certain contractors and others, who they said brought little benefit to the college. They spoke about their concern on condition of anonymity because they feared professional retaliation.

Harley has told staff and faculty in emails this spring that the college was remediating pay gaps between men and women, balancing pay between departments and creating a system to avoid future disparities.

He declined last week to answer a series of questions about additional allegations, including his use of a margarita machine. He downplayed the complaints in a campuswide email, saying they were from "a few individuals" and all his decisions were subject to legal review and within his authority.

A small group of longtime college employees filed an anonymous complaint in April 2018 with the Navy's office of the inspector general. Two of them told the AP that they and others were interviewed by investigators in September but nothing happened.

The group contacted the inspector general again in January with additional allegations but said they heard nothing again from investigators until last month, after the AP asked the Navy about Harley's conduct.



Harley



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Juno, a Husky who was given to veteran Arthur Wimberly at the first Friends 4 Vets Graduation, is seen in 2018 at Camden (N.J.) County Correctional Facility.

Service dogs offer comfort to veterans

By ERIN ARVEDLUND
Philadelphia.com

After he considered suicide, Curtis Thompson finally admitted that he might need help.

"I stereotyped myself. I wasn't an old man like in Vietnam and World War II," said Army vet Thompson, 41, who lives in Burlington Township, N.J.

Deployed to Kosovo in 1999 and three times to Iraq, Thompson was discharged honorably in 2006. He got divorced from his first wife, couch surfed, and endured panic attacks, nightmares and brief episodes of homelessness.

By 2013, he reconnected with a high school sweetheart (they have since married). She insisted he seek treatment at VA medical centers in Philadelphia and Marlton, N.J., where he was diagnosed with a traumatic brain injury and severe PTSD from his time in combat and exposure to a roadside bomb.

"My doctor said a service dog would really help," he said, "but I couldn't afford to pay \$20,000" — the going price for a fully-trained service animal that is attuned to veterans and their health issues.

Then, in 2017, he learned about Team Foster, a local nonprofit that pays for service dogs to be trained to assist wounded or traumatized veterans in the Greater Philadelphia area. He put himself on Team Foster's waiting list, never expecting to hear back.

Team Foster has partnered with two training programs — Cells 2 Service (C2S) and Susquehanna Service Dogs — and is currently seeking partnerships with more dog trainers.

Young pups from local shelters usually train with professionals for at least six months. The animals are then paired with a veteran; together, human and dog train for at least another year before the dog is designated as a fully certified service animal.

In April 2018, Thompson got the call from Team Foster, and Spencer, a Lab mix with whitish-yellow fur, pawed his way into Thompson's life.

While Thompson had dogs before, Spence "is totally different," he said. "He reads me, picks up on my anxiety attacks, or when I'm feeling down or can't get out of bed. He sleeps next to me and will put his paw on me (if a panic attack creeps up.)"

Thompson's wife confirms his nightmares have ceased since Spence came to live with them.

Team Foster is an all-volunteer 501(c)(3) founded by local attorney and former JAG officer Nick Liermann in honor of his friend U.S. Army Capt. Eric Foster, who was killed in action in 2007. Liermann is Team Foster's sole funder and creates innovative events to raise money for the nonprofit.

Last year, Team Foster raised over \$180,000. Thompson continues to train with Spence. They spend every hour in each other's company, and together they're learning how Spence can retrieve things like medicine and cellphones.

Arthur "Sonny" Wimberly was one of the first graduates of the Cells-2-Service program in 2018. His service dog is Juno, a husky mix. For two years they've been training together to learn increasingly complex tasks.

Wimberly, a Vietnam-era Army veteran who has multiple sclerosis and uses a wheelchair, said Juno is like a "second spouse. He's really good at finding stuff. I hide things and he finds them, and that reinforces (to him) that he can smell it, identify it, and get it from the guest room, even from under a blanket.

"I'm working on exit signs with him right now, so Juno can determine where to take me out the building," said Wimberly.

Team Foster's Liermann is most proud of the fact that "we bridge the civilian-military divide. With less than 1% of our community serving, a chasm has developed. Much of our country believes our veterans are either door-kicking, Rambo-like heroes or broken and scary remnants of their former selves. The reality is that 90% of veterans fall squarely in the middle."

HBO: Filmmakers will now shoot on Padua set

FROM FRONT PAGE

Series producer Ricardo Neri said that he could not discuss the eight-episode series until after HBO officially announced it in the next week or so.

Online publications have detailed some characters. There's "Fraser Wilson, teenager from New York City," according to Observer.com, who moves in with his mother. She's recently been promoted to colonel, she's married and she's a lesbian.

Fraser slowly gets to know a group of other Army teens on the base as well as some local Italian teens. They hang out at the beach, "indulging themselves a little too much."

Fraser becomes close to the kickboxing, rifle-shooting, poetic Caitlin Harper, and the two "embark on a period of self-discovery over the golden summer."

Fraser also misses his friend, Mark, from the U.S. And he develops a crush on an older soldier named Jason.

That scenario is reminiscent of Guadagnino's Oscar-winning film, "Call Me By Your Name."

which features a summer courtship in northern Italy between a boy, 17, played by Timothée Chalamet, and a visiting graduate student, 24, played by Armie Hammer.

Boekholt said he wasn't familiar with Guadagnino's work.

Neri said that he was "a little bit" surprised when the military pulled its support after more than a year of discussions.

"We were talking positively," he said.

The filmmakers had hoped to film on Caserma Ederle after scouting the location, headquarters of U.S. Army Garrison Italy and U.S. Army Africa, and finding it perfectly suited to telling the story, Neri said. "It was real," he said.

They now plan to shoot on a set in nearby Padua.

The services have long provided support — equipment, troops, locations — to movies and television if they approve of the projects.

Parts of "The Long Road Home" were filmed at Fort Hood, Texas, made to look like Sadar City, Iraq.

Robins Air Force Base in Georgia was dressed up to look like Joint Base San Antonio-San Houston, Texas, in "15:17 to Paris."

Filmmakers seeking military support are required to send in copies of the script, which according to the DOD are vetted to ensure accuracy and promote recruitment and retention efforts.

Last year, Army Lt. Col. Tim Hyde, the deputy director of the Los Angeles Office of the Chief of Public Affairs, told a DOD publication that "There's a point where we just have to say no — It's either going to happen like this, or it's not going to happen at all." But Hyde said it rarely comes to that.

Production agreements also require the DOD to be able to review a rough cut of a film "so officials can decide if there are areas that need to be addressed before a film is released," according to the dailie.mil website.

Neri said "We Are Who We Are" isn't yet fully cast. Its release date has not been disclosed.

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Veteran urges reform after Afghan sex abuse scandal

By J.P. LAWRENCE
Stars and Stripes

KABUL, Afghanistan — A former Marine who worked with the Afghan women's soccer team says the government in Kabul needs to do more to protect players from sexual abuse by male officials.

On Sunday, Afghan police issued an arrest warrant for former national soccer chief Keramuddin Karim after FIFA, the world soccer governing body, ruled that he had used his position to sexually abuse players.

FIFA levied an approximately \$1 million fine and a lifetime ban on Karim, a former high-ranking government official.

The FIFA ban and arrest warrant are "a major step in the right direction, but the work is not done," said Haley Carter, 34, who worked as an assistant coach on the Afghan women's soccer team beginning in 2016.

"He did not act on his own but rather allowed a culture of abuse within the entire federation," Carter told Stars and Stripes. "Those staff members who were aware of and allowed the abuse are complicit and they should also be held accountable."

Carter became a goalkeeping coach for the Afghan women's team after service in the Marine Corps had brought her to Iraq and Southeast Asia. Carter had played goalkeeper as a cadet at the U.S. Naval Academy and as a professional for the Houston Dash in the National Women's Soccer League.

The country's women's soccer team had been celebrated as a symbol of hope for an Afghanistan more tolerant of women's freedoms.

U.S. military and diplomatic efforts have made education, opportunity and justice for women priorities during the nearly 18-year war. But entrenched beliefs, particularly within areas where the Taliban holds influence, make it uncertain whether those efforts will result in long-term gains.

The sexual abuse allegations were made public in November by Britain's The Guardian newspaper after the soccer players spoke

out about widespread sexual and physical abuse.

Women on the team said Karim had a locked room in his office in Kabul where he would sexually assault players.

Karim, a former provincial governor and high-ranking military official in Afghanistan, would label women who did not comply with his wishes as lesbians, a label which could lead their parents to disown them, women said to The Guardian.

"It's disappointing ... for the girls from Kabul who are fighting

against officials who were playing political games with them," said Carter, who did not go to Afghanistan but coached the team on trips out of the country.

At a training camp in Jordan in 2018, two men from Karim's sports federation sexually harassed women on the team and tried to force players into sex, said Khalida Popal, a former team captain who spoke to The Guardian.

When players on the team complained, Karim beat one of them with a snooker cue, Popal said.

Another former team captain, Shabnam Mobarez, told Stars and Stripes that she had heard about abuse from her teammates and said she went to head coach Kelly Lindsey and others like Carter with her concerns.

"My coach told everyone, 'It's up to you guys what you want to do, but we will support you no matter what,'" Mobarez said.

Karim's sports federation also forced players to sign contracts that players felt were meant to silence them, but Mobarez quit rather than sign a coercive contract.

"I don't want to be part of a team where I don't know if my teammates are safe," Mobarez, 24, said in a phone interview.

Afghanistan is not alone in allegations of sexual abuse by FIFA

officials such as Karim. Female athletes have come forward with claims of abuse in Canada, Colombia, Ecuador and Gabon, according to The New York Times.

"We still need systemic change in FIFA so that this does not happen again to other players," Carter said in an email. "There have been multiple examples this year, around the world, of abuse of women and women footballers at the highest levels, and this cannot continue."

"Until FIFA addresses this systematically, instances of abuse will remain."

Fallout from the scandal has devastated team morale. Coaches and players still try to stay in contact over Skype, Carter said. Still, many players on the team have stopped training, and parents have told their children to quit the team.

For Mobarez, representing her home country on the pitch had been an emotional highlight after being raised in Denmark. She still remembers hearing the Afghanistan national anthem during her first match with the team.

"I started crying because I was looking toward the flag and I was seeing all the young girls who had had their dreams crushed," Mobarez said. "There was no door given to them. It killed me inside. And this was something to me and my teammates wanted to change."

What's unfair, Mobarez told Stars and Stripes, is that acts by men like Karim may further hurt his victims by destroying the image of women's soccer in Afghanistan.

"This should not be something that stops us," Mobarez said. "That's what they tried to do, to ruin Afghan women's soccer. We can't let them do that."

Carter said that while the scandal is a setback for the program, she is encouraged by how the players persevered.

"The best part for me, they're coming together and they're demanding better for themselves," Carter said of the women."

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Karim



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Members of Farmanullah Shirzad's family who fled Islamic State in Nangarhar province in late April now live in a temporary home in Jalalabad, east of Kabul, Afghanistan. ISIS is expanding its presence in Afghanistan.

ISIS expands in Afghan mountains, plots against West

By KATHY GANNON
Associated Press

JALALABAD, Afghanistan — Islamic State has lost its caliphate in Syria and Iraq, but in the forbidding mountains of northeastern Afghanistan the group is expanding its presence, recruiting new fighters and plotting attacks on the United States and other Western countries, according to U.S. and Afghan security officials.

Nearly two decades after the U.S.-led invasion, the extremist group is seen as an even greater threat than the Taliban because of its increasingly sophisticated military capabilities and its strategy of targeting civilians, both in Afghanistan and abroad. Concerns run so deep that many have come to see the Taliban, which have also clashed with ISIS, as a potential partner in containing it.

A U.S. intelligence official based in Afghanistan told The Associated Press that a recent wave of attacks in the capital, Kabul, is "practice runs" for even bigger attacks in Europe and the U.S.

"This group is the most near-term threat to our homelands from Afghanistan," the official said on condition of anonymity to preserve his operational security. "The ISIS core mandate is: You will conduct external attacks" in the U.S. and Europe, he said.

"That is their goal. It's just a matter of time. It is very scary."

Bruce Hoffman, director of the Center for Security Studies at Georgetown University, sees

Afghanistan as a possible new base for ISIS now that it has been driven from Iraq and Syria. "ISIS has invested a disproportionate amount of attention and resources in Afghanistan," he said, pointing to "huge arms stockpiling" in the east.

The ISIS affiliate appeared in Afghanistan shortly after the group's core fighters swept across Syria and Iraq in the summer of 2014, carving out a self-styled caliphate, or Islamic empire, in about a third of both countries. The Afghanistan affiliate refers to itself as the Khorasan Province, a name applied to parts of Afghanistan, Iran and central Asia in the Middle Ages.

The ISIS affiliate initially numbered just a few dozen fighters, mainly Pakistani Taliban driven from their bases across the border and disgruntled Afghan Taliban attracted to ISIS' more extreme ideology. While the Taliban have confined their struggle to Afghanistan, the ISIS militants pledged allegiance to Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, the reclusive leader of the group in the Middle East, and embraced his call for a worldwide jihad against non-Muslims.

Farmanullah Shirzad fled his village in Nangarhar in late April as ISIS fighters swept through the area.

"I was terrified to stay," he said.

"When Daesh (ISIS) takes over a village, they kill the people, they don't care about the children and they come into the homes and they take the women."

Meetings underway to jump-start Afghan peace talks with Taliban

Associated Press

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — Renewed efforts are underway to jump-start peace talks with the Taliban as a U.S. envoy is in Kabul and Pakistani and Afghan officials are meeting in Islamabad.

U.S. envoy Zalmay Khalilzad said he was holding meetings with

Kabul officials on Monday, seeking to bring about a new round of Afghan-to-Afghan talks, which he describes as essential to resolving the country's nearly 18-year war.

The Taliban carry out nearly daily attacks, inflicting staggering casualties on Afghan forces, and now control about half of Afghanistan.

Washington, meanwhile, has accelerated efforts to find a peaceful resolution to the conflict and has been pressing for direct talks between the Taliban and Kabul. Afghan and Pakistani officials from a group tasked with finding ways to cooperate on diplomatic, military and intelligence-sharing are meeting in Islamabad.

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WAR/MILITARY

Troops escape injury in Niger roadside blast

By JOHN VANDIVER
Stars and Stripes

STUTTGART, Germany — A U.S. military vehicle hit a roadside bomb Saturday en route to a training exercise in Niger, a country that has proved dangerous for U.S. special operations forces who have helped local troops battle militant groups in the region.

U.S. Africa Command said Monday that a Mine Resistant Ambush Protected All-Terrain Vehicle struck the pressure-plate bomb while four servicemembers were entering a firing range in the vicinity of Ouallam, Niger.

"At this time, there are no reported U.S. fatalities; however, as a precaution, U.S. service members are being evaluated for injuries," AFRICOM spokesman Col. Chris Karns said in a statement Sunday. "The medical treatment is a precautionary measure. There are no reported injuries."

Nigerian partner forces secured the scene and were assessing the incident, Karns said.

AFRICOM declined to say whether the incident will have any effect on how troops operate in the country.

"Due to operational considerations, we won't go into detail about future operations. Our commitment to our partners remains the same," Karns said.

Initial reports by AFRICOM stated the incident occurred on the firing range, but as more details emerged it became clear it happened outside the training site, the command said.

The blast occurred nearly two years after four U.S. soldiers were killed in an ambush in Niger while on a mission with local forces. While the U.S. military had been involved in Niger for years,

the attack brought attention and scrutiny to the risks troops face in obscure parts of Africa.

One U.S. general and other lower-ranking officers and enlisted personnel were reprimanded in connection with the ambush amid questions about poor preparation and planning.

Niger and the broader Lake Chad basin area in western Africa have long been home to a dangerous mix of militant groups, most notably Boko Haram, which is based in neighboring northern Nigeria.

However, during the past couple of years, ISIS-West Africa has emerged as the top security concern.

The group broke away from Boko Haram three years ago and also is based out of Nigeria.

The group, which has been growing in power, regularly makes cross-border attacks in Niger.

In Niger, the U.S. soon is expected to begin operating out of a new drone site that is intended to add more intelligence capability in the country.

In the wake of the attack that killed the four U.S. soldiers, questions were raised about whether American forces should take risks in places like Niger, where extremist groups don't necessarily pose a clear and direct threat to the U.S.

However, Karns said the U.S. has long-term strategic interests on the continent.

"A safe, stable, secure and prosperous Africa is an enduring United States interest," Karns said.

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Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif, right, and his German counterpart, Heiko Maas, shake hands prior to their meeting in Tehran, Iran, on Monday.

Iran's top diplomat warns US it cannot 'expect to stay safe'

BY AMIR VAHDAT
AND JON GAMBRELL
Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran — Iran's foreign minister warned the U.S. on Monday that it "cannot expect to stay safe" after launching what he described as an economic war against Tehran, taking a hard-line stance amid a visit by Germany's top diplomat seeking to defuse tensions.

A stern-faced Mohammad Javad Zarif offered a series of threats over the ongoing tensions gripping the Persian Gulf. The crisis takes root in President Donald Trump's decision over a year ago to withdraw America from Iran's 2015 nuclear deal with world powers. Trump also reinstated tough sanctions on Iran, targeting its oil sector.

"Mr. Trump himself has announced that the U.S. has launched an economic war against Iran," Zarif said. "The only solution for reducing tensions in this region is stopping that economic war."

Zarif also warned, "Whoever starts a war with us will not be the one who finishes it."

For his part, German Foreign Minister Heiko Maas insisted his country and other European nations want to find a way to salvage

the nuclear deal, which saw Iran limit its enrichment of uranium in exchange for the lifting of economic sanctions. But he acknowledged there were limits.

"We won't be able to do miracles, but we are trying as best as we can to prevent its failure," Maas said.

However, Europe has yet to be able to offer Iran a way to get around the newly imposed U.S. sanctions. Meanwhile, a July 7 deadline — imposed by Iran — looks for Europe to find a way to save the unraveling deal.

Otherwise, Iran has warned it will resume enriching uranium closer to weapons-grade levels.

Though Zarif made a point to shake Maas' hands before the cameras, his comments marked a sharp departure for the U.S.-educated diplomat who helped secure the nuclear deal, alongside the relatively moderate President Hassan Rouhani. They came after Maas spoke about Israel, an archenemy of Iran's government.

"Israel's right to exist is part of Germany's founding principle and is completely non-negotiable," Maas said. "It is a result of our history and it's irrevocable and doesn't just change because I am currently in Tehran."

Zarif then grew visibly angry, offering a list of Mideast problems ranging from al-Qaida to the bombing of Yemeni civilians he blamed on the U.S. and its allies, namely Saudi Arabia.

"If one seeks to talk about instability in this region, those are the other parties who should be held responsible," Zarif said.

Zarif's sharp tone likely comes from Iran's growing frustration with Europe, as well as the ever-tightening American sanctions targeting the country. Iran's national currency, the rial, is currently trading at nearly 130,000 to \$1.

Trump, in withdrawing from the nuclear deal, pointed out that the accord had not limited Iran's ballistic missile program or addressed what American officials describe as Tehran's malign influence across the wider Mideast.

The head of the International Atomic Energy Agency, Yukiya Amano, is urging world powers to continue dialogue with Iran to keep it in the landmark deal.

Amano told the board of governors Monday that he's "worried about increasing tensions over the Iran nuclear issue," adding it's "essential that Iran fully implements its nuclear-related commitments."

New Zealand to withdraw its troops from Iraq by June 2020

BY NICK PERRY
Associated Press

WELLINGTON, New Zealand — New Zealand announced Monday that it will withdraw all of its troops from Iraq by next June.

New Zealand has a small contingent of 95 so-called noncombat personnel deployed at the Taji Military Complex northwest of Baghdad, where they are tasked with training Iraqi security forces.

The training mission is a joint operation with Australia, which has about 300 troops stationed at Taji.

New Zealand Defense Minister Ron

Mark said Australia also planned to downsize its presence in Iraq, although he didn't offer any details. Australia had not made any formal announcements about its plans by Monday afternoon.

New Zealand Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern said it would reduce the number of troops to 75 by July and then to 45 by January before they were all withdrawn.

"When it comes to Iraq, it's time to go," Ardern said.

She said the troops had made a big contribution at Taji, where more than 40,000 Iraqi security forces had been trained since New Zealand's deployment began in 2015.

"I think they have done an incredible job, but their job is coming to an end," she said. "And now it's time to bring them home and look at the contribution our defense force can make elsewhere."

Mark said that New Zealand would downsize alongside Australia and that both countries were working on "existing and having an exit plan." When pressed, he declined to offer more details.

Ardern said it was not up to New Zealand to announce Australia's long-term plans in Iraq, but she added that Australia had been kept informed of New Zealand's decision and was supportive.

The 2015 decision on New Zealand's Iraq

deployment was made by the conservative government at the time and was opposed by Ardern's then-opposition Labour Party. The Labour Party formed a coalition government after the 2017 general election.

Ardern said her government did not withdraw the troops sooner because it was honoring commitments made to both Iraq and Australia.

Ardern also announced New Zealand would reduce the number of defense force personnel posted in Afghanistan from 13 to 11 by March, and that three of those positions would be focused on enhancing the involvement of women in peace and security initiatives.

EUROPE



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Army spouses pose as pinup girls at Clay Kaserne airfield in Germany on Monday during the 70th anniversary commemoration of the end of the Berlin Airlift.

Thousands commemorate end of Berlin Airlift

BY JENNIFER H. SVAN
Stars and Stripes

WIESBADEN, Germany — Retired U.S. Col. Gail Halvorsen — better known in these parts as the “candy bomber” — will always be a hero in the eyes of the German children who grew up in postwar Berlin, no matter how old they get.

Seventy years after the lifting of the Soviet blockade that cut off the German capital from food, fuel and other essential supplies, those children still remember the delight of a chocolate bar tied to a makeshift parachute drooping from the sky.

On Monday, amid a grand celebration at Clay Kaserne airfield to commemorate the end of the Berlin Airlift, some of those children, now well into their 70s, thanked Halvorsen for an act that not only took the edge off their hunger but gave them hope during the bleak years after World War II.

“I’m very, very thankful,” Vera Mitschrich, who was 5 when the largest postwar relief operation began, told Halvorsen on Monday. “I’m so proud of you. You gave us hope. You gave us food. I never, never will forget you.”

Halvorsen was the most anticipated guest at the two-day commemoration, hosted by U.S. Army Garrison Wiesbaden and the city of Wiesbaden. The event features static displays and air demonstrations involving vintage aircraft — including C-47s, the same airframe used during

the Berlin Airlift — and a staged candy drop. On Monday, the airfield was open to the public with advance ticket purchases. Base officials said at least 33,000 tickets were distributed.

On Tuesday starting at 9:30 a.m., the event will be open to Defense Department ID cardholders.

Halvorsen, now 98, walked with a cane but seemed otherwise spry, retelling the story of dropping chocolate and sticks of chewing gum to those inside the blockade area like it was yesterday.

“A fresh Hershey’s candy bar — to small that and to know [German kids] just didn’t have that, it’s really motivating,” he said.

The airlift over West Berlin began in June 1948 and continued through September 1949. Allied aircraft flew more than 270,000 flights, keeping more than 2 million people alive by delivering food and other critical supplies around the clock in every kind of weather.

Halvorsen got the idea to drop sweets to German youths after talking to and sharing two sticks of gum with a group of kids through the fence at an airfield where he was working.

Most had lost at least one parent and spoke, above all, of not wanting to lose their freedom, he said. They told Halvorsen they didn’t need much food, yet he could see the hunger in their eyes when they looked at the bags of dried eggs, powdered milk and flour “like it was a chocolate milkshake.”

“When you go eyeball-to-eyeball with someone in need and you’re able to do something about it, there’s no better feeling,” he said.

Halvorsen said he didn’t speak to permission first from his boss to drop his rationed chocolate. “There wasn’t time,” he said. He got caught after his third candy drop.

“Keep doing it. Keep me advised,” Halvorsen was told.

When word spread about the “candy bomber,” there was no trouble getting supplies. Groups in the States wanted to contribute, and Hershey’s was one of the biggest supporters, Halvorsen said. “It was good advertising.”

“I had lots of help,” Halvorsen said. “I couldn’t have had a better crew.”

Mercedes Wild was 7 when she wrote a letter to Halvorsen with a map instructing him where to drop candy in her West Berlin neighborhood.

“I don’t care if it scares my chickens. Drop it there,” Halvorsen recited of Wild’s instructions while sitting beside her at a press conference Monday.

Years later, the two met when Wild invited Halvorsen to her home for dinner.

“Is it OK that we have chicken?” she asked him.

“He asked me, ‘Is the chicken from ’48?’ It was the beginning of a real family friendship,” she said.

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Above:
Spectators tour displays and watch demonstrations at the commemoration.

Right: Vera Mitschrich, a Berlin Airlift witness, waves as retired U.S. Col. Gail Halvorsen, the “candy bomber,” arrives at the celebration.



MILITARY

Remains from crash off Japan recovered

By SETH ROBSON
Stars and Stripes

TOKYO — Salvagers have recovered human remains from an area of the Philippine Sea where two U.S. military aircraft crashed on Dec. 6, the III Marine Expeditionary Force said in a statement Monday.

Five crewmembers of a KC-

130J tanker and the pilot of an F/A-18 Hornet were killed in a midair collision during nighttime training off Japan's southern coast.

The Hornet's weapons officer was the sole survivor.

A search by U.S. and Japanese forces for the lost aviators that spanned 35,000 square nautical miles was called off Dec. 11.

"At this time, the number and identity of those recovered is not known," the statement said. "The remains will be transferred to Dover Air Force Base, Delaware, where formal identification will be made by competent medical authorities."

A salvage operation related to the crash, which began May 27, concluded Friday after recover-

ing the remains as well as the KC-130J's cockpit voice recorder and digital flight recorder, III MEF said in its statement.

The devices recovered from the tanker are being delivered to Naval Air Systems Command, Patuxent River, Md., for analysis to assist in an ongoing investigation, the statement said.

"We reaffirm our deepest sym-

pathy for all affected by this tragedy and those grieving the loss of the six Marines who perished in this accident," the statement said. "We also would like to express our sincere gratitude for the cooperation and expertise of the underwater salvage team."

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SARAH LIFSHIN/Courtesy of the Department of Defense

Brig. Gen. Laura Yeager, right, commanding general of Joint Task Force North, visits 1-37 soldiers in New Mexico on March 7. Later this month she will become the first woman to command a U.S. Army infantry division.

Army's first female infantry commander to make history

By BLAKE ALSUP
New York Daily News

Brig. Gen. Laura Yeager will make history when she becomes the first woman to command a U.S. Army Infantry Division later this month.

Yeager, who was once a UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter pilot and served in Iraq, will command the California National Guard's 40th Infantry Division.

Her active military service began in May 1986 after she received her commission through the ROTC program at California State University Long Beach.

She transitioned to the National Guard in 1995 and served in various roles in the California and Texas National Guard over the years. In 2011, she was deployed to Iraq as deputy commander of the California Guard's 40th Combat Aviation Brigade.

Yeager followed in the footsteps of her father, retired California National Guard Maj. Gen. Robert Brandt, who served two

tours in Vietnam as a helicopter pilot.

"My father has been a tremendous role model to me, both as a parent and as an officer, and I have benefited immensely from his mentorship," Yeager told the Defense Department's news service when she was promoted to brigadier general in 2016.

At the time, she was only the fourth female general in California National Guard history.

"As a female, I have found the military to provide opportunities and benefits unmatched by any profession," Yeager said in the 2016 interview. "Clearly, females are in the minority within the military, yet in every assignment, I have held, my mostly male peers, subordinates and superiors, have supported me, treated me with respect, coached, mentored and advised me."

Yeager will assume her new position during a ceremony in Los Alamitos, Calif., on June 29.

French agency drops claim against Ex-POWs entity

By SETH ROBSON
Stars and Stripes

A French news agency has dropped its financial claim against a group that advocates for former American prisoners of war over unauthorized use of a photograph of an American veteran.

Agence France Presse, or AFP, had sought a financial settlement from American Ex-Prisoners of War, a congressionally chartered veterans' service organization, for unauthorized use of an image on the group's website, according to Ex-POWs director Cheryl Carbone.

On June 6, after Stars and Stripes contacted AFP about the issue, the Santa Ana, Calif., law firm of Higbee & Associates wrote to Carbone to inform her that the claim had been dropped.

"In light of Ex-Prisoner of War promptly removing the image and other factors, such as the nature of the use, and the very limited resources of the entity, AFP has authorized me to close this claim," the law firm wrote. "While this is not a release of liability, AFP plans to take no further action on this matter so long as the image, or any other image belonging to AFP, is not used without a license in the future."

Carbone had complained to attorneys general in Texas and Massachusetts and a district attorney in California about letters and emails from lawyers and the copyright enforcement company PicRights seeking compensation for use of a photograph of Frank Buckles that was posted on the Ex-POW's website with his obituary.

Buckles, who drove an ambulance in France in 1918 and was taken prisoner by the Japanese in World War II, was the last surviving World War I "doughboy" when he died in 2011.

"Our members are former prisoners of war and nearly all are in their mid-nineties," Carbone wrote to the attorneys general before the claim was dropped. "They

are heroes every one. And I am disgusted by attempts to extort money from them."

The Arlington, Texas-based organization's volunteer board and officers are Ex-POWs, their families and advocates, she said.

PicRights president Steve Pigeon confirmed in a June 6 email that his organization had sought removal of the image and payment of a retroactive license fee.

"PicRights is a legitimate enterprise performing a necessary, if difficult, function for legitimate copyright holders such as AFP," he wrote. "... non-profit organizations have to follow the same copyright laws as everyone else."

Steve Pigeon
president, PicRights

"Copyright infringement on the internet is massive; people think everything they find there is free to use and PicRights identifies thousands of new infringements every month. It is in our mandate to try to resolve such unlicensed uses on behalf of our clients whether the infringement was done by a huge corporation, a small business or a nonprofit organization."

PicRights does not specifically approach veterans' organizations about unauthorized use of images but it doesn't exclude them either, Pigeon wrote.

"To be clear, non-profit organizations have to follow the same copyright laws as everyone else but we try to take the individual circumstances into consideration when attempting to resolve each case," he wrote.

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US Marine arrested after incident at ramen stand; police officer assaulted

Stars and Stripes

CAMP FOSTER, Okinawa — An Okinawa-based Marine was arrested over the weekend on suspicion of destroying property and striking a police officer while in custody.

Lance Cpl. Matthew Emett Duggan, 23, of Camp Courtney, was arrested at 1:10 a.m. Sunday at a ramen stand in Chatan after allegedly ripping away vinyl sheets designed to protect customers from the rain and wind, Okinawa Police deputy chief Hirotohi Iha said Monday. Police al-

lege Duggan was highly intoxicated at the time of his arrest.

Iha also said Duggan used an open hand to strike an officer in the head while being processed at the Okinawa Police station about 3:20 a.m.

In addition to destruction of property, Duggan is also being held on suspicion of obstruction of police in the performance of their duties.

Police expected charges to be referred to prosecutors Monday afternoon, Iha said.

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NATION

Crane topples onto Dallas apartments, killing woman

By JAKE BLEIBERG
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DALLAS — A construction crane buffeted by high winds during a storm toppled on a Dallas apartment building Sunday, killing one woman in the building and injuring five other people, two of them critically, a fire official said.

Crews searching the Elan City Lights building found the body of a woman inside after the crane collapsed and ripped a large gash into the side of the five-story structure, Dallas Fire-Rescue spokesman Jason Evans said during a press briefing.

"The building itself has suffered multiple collapses in different areas of the building to include residential spaces and the parking garage," Evans said.

Of those injured, two were

listed in critical condition, two suffered serious injuries and one suffered minor injuries and was discharged from a hospital, Evans said. Earlier, he had said that six people were injured but said the figure would likely change.

First responders searched every apartment they could reach and found no other victims, Evans said. He also said that every resident of an apartment damaged by the crane was either out at the time or was among those taken to hospitals.

Crews were called to the site of the collapse just before 2 p.m., after the National Weather Service issued a severe thunderstorm watch for the Dallas/Fort Worth area and warned of winds up to 70 mph. Evans said the reason the crane fell is unknown but there is a "strong possibility" that the winds "played some role in the collapse."

Across Dallas the storm felled mature trees and knocked out power Sunday, leaving many areas without working traffic lights.

Isaias Allen told The Dallas Morning News he was in his apartment when he heard what he thought was a deafening thunderclap. "I saw that the crane had actually fell straight through the building and had destroyed a good eight to 10 apartments and so there's like floors and stuff falling through," he said.

Allen told the paper he saw a bloodied woman trapped in her apartment on the second floor.

Yesenia Bosque's family had moved into their top-floor apartment just two weeks ago. She returned from a shopping trip to find her apartment, where she'd left her husband, Jay, to recover from a shoulder injury, crushed by the twisted metal.



SHABAN ATHUMAN, THE DALLAS MORNING NEWS/AP

A crane collapsed into Elan City Lights apartments amid severe thunderstorms on Sunday in Dallas.

It took about 30 minutes for authorities to tell her that her husband had been rescued alive and had been holding their dog while medics worked on his injuries.

Video shows that the downed crane ripped a large hole in the east side of the building and landed on an adjacent parking garage.

The company that owned the crane, Bigge Crane and Rigging

Co., said in a statement it was mobilizing personnel to the site to find out more about the crane collapse and would cooperate with any investigation.

Evans said "every single level of the parking garage in part has collapsed" and that multiple vehicles were damaged. He said he was not sure if anybody was in the garage at the time of the collapse.



RICK MCCLURE/AP

A Los Angeles County Fire helicopter drops water on a brush fire burning close to Six Flags Magic Mountain and Hurricane Harbor amusement park in Santa Clarita, Calif., on Sunday. The fire prompted the evacuation of the park.

California amusement park is evacuated as nearby brush fire spreads smoke, ash

Associated Press

SANTA CLARITA, Calif. — A fast-moving brush fire erupted near a huge amusement and water park in Southern California on Sunday, sending hundreds of visitors to the exit as smoke clouds of smoke and ash before fire officials asked them to stay put while they worked to contain the blaze.

Six Flags Magic Mountain and Hurricane Harbor announced the evacuation shortly after noon, citing concern for the safety of park

visitors and employees. About a half-hour later, the park said on its Twitter account that fire officials asked guests to shelter in place due to nearby road closures.

Park visitors were asked to move to the back of the 260-acre property, away from firefighting activity near the entrance, said Rachel Gallat, who was visiting a friend who works at the park.

"I was getting iced coffee and when I walked outside, ash was raining down on me," Gallat said. "There was a big cloud of smoke. I saw people around me panick-

ing; they didn't know where they were supposed to go."

Los Angeles County fire officials said nine people were taken to the hospital due to smoke exposure. The blaze is 20% contained.

The park later announced it was closed for the day after police reopened the roads, allowing everyone to leave in their cars.

Firefighters battled the 40-acre blaze in hot, dry and windy conditions during the first day of a heat wave baking the region in nearly 100-degree heat.

News of the letter was first reported by The Wall Street Journal.

Huawei is the world's largest telecommunications equipment-maker and has significant backing from the Chinese government. The Justice Department has accused it of violating Iran sanctions, among other things.

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There is not a change to administration policy with regard to Huawei.'

BY FELICIA SONMEZ
AND DAMIAN PALETTA
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The acting director of the White House Office of Management and Budget is seeking a two-year delay of a ban prohibiting companies that do business with Chinese telecom giant Huawei from providing services to the U.S. government.

In a letter to Vice President Mike Pence and nine members of Congress, acting OMB Director Russell Vought said the delay would give companies more time to comply with the ban, which is set to take effect in one year and one month.

If the delay is approved, the ban would take effect in three years and one month.

"The Administration believes, based on feedback from impacted stakeholders, that this additional preparatory work will better ensure the effective implementation of the prohibition without compromising desired security objectives," Vought said in the letter.

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several other Chinese companies, citing national security grounds. The Commerce Department last month imposed a penalty on the firm that makes it difficult for it to do business with any U.S. company.

Some U.S. tech companies have applied for licenses that would allow them to continue to sell to Huawei, arguing that the Commerce Department ban could harm their bottom lines and their ability to innovate.

On Sunday night, Jacob Wood, an OMB spokesman, said: "There is not a change to administration policy with regard to Huawei and would not delay the ban taking effect this year on the federal government doing business with them."

"It also would not stop or delay the restrictions Commerce announced on the sale of U.S. technology to Huawei. This is about ensuring that companies who do business with the U.S. government or receive federal grants and loans have time to extricate themselves from doing business with Huawei and other Chinese tech companies listed in the NDAA (National Defense Authorization Act)."

NATION

Bishops to meet amid pressure over sex scandal

By DAVID CRARY

Associated Press

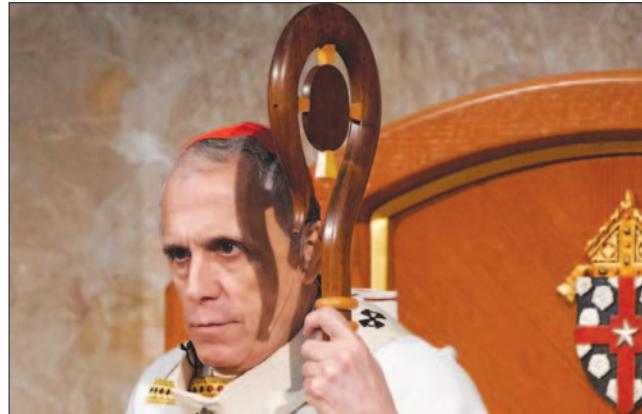
As the Roman Catholic church's sex abuse scandal grows ever wider in scope in the U.S., bishops convene for a national meeting in Baltimore on Tuesday under heavy pressure to acknowledge their oversight failures and give a larger role to lay Catholics and secular authorities in confronting the crisis.

The pressure comes not only from longtime critics of the church's response to clergy sex abuse but also from insiders who now voice doubts that the bishops are capable of handling the crisis on their own. Among them is Francesco Cesareo, chairman of a national sex abuse review board set up by the bishops.

"My biggest concern is that it's going to end up being bishops overseeing bishops," Cesareo told Catholic News Service, the news agency of the U.S. bishops' conference. "If that's the case, it's going to be very difficult for the laity to feel any sense of confidence that anything has truly changed."

Sex abuse scandals have beset the Catholic church worldwide for decades, but events of the past year have created unprecedented challenges for the U.S. bishops. Many dioceses have become targets of state investigations since a Pennsylvania grand jury report in August detailed hundreds of cases of alleged abuse.

In February, former Cardinal Theodore McCarrick was expelled from the priesthood for sexually abusing minors and seminarians, and investigators are seeking to determine if some



DAVID J. PHILLIP/AP

Cardinal Daniel DiNardo, who was accused by a Houston woman of mishandling her case against his deputy, will preside over a national meeting of U.S. bishops Tuesday amid a growing church sex abuse scandal.

Catholic VIPs covered up his transgressions. Another investigative team recently concluded that Michael Bransfield, a former bishop in West Virginia, engaged in sexual harassment and financial misconduct over many years.

Even the president of the bishop's conference, Cardinal Daniel DiNardo of the Galveston-Houston archdiocese, has been entangled in controversies. On June

4, The Associated Press reported on a Houston woman's allegations that DiNardo mishandled her case alleging sexual and financial misconduct by his deputy.

The archdiocese said it "categorically rejects" the story as biased and one-sided. However, the archdiocese later said it would review the married woman's allegations that the monsignor, Frank Rossi, continued to hear her confessions after luring her into a

sexual relationship, a potentially serious crime under church law.

SNAP, a national advocacy group for clergy abuse victims, has called on DiNardo to resign his post or at least recuse himself from presiding over the Baltimore meeting.

The bishops had drafted some new accountability policies for their previous national meeting in November, but deferred action due to a last-minute request from

the Vatican. One of those proposals would have established a new code of conduct for individual bishops; another would have created a special commission, including lay experts and clergy, to review complaints against the bishops.

In Baltimore, the bishops will be guided by a groundbreaking new law issued by Pope Francis on May 9.

It requires priests and nuns worldwide to report clergy sexual abuse and cover-ups by their superiors to church authorities. It also calls for any claim of sexual misconduct or cover-up against a bishop to be reported to the Vatican and a supervisory bishop in the U.S.

SNAP said the pope's edict was a step forward but urged the U.S. bishops to go farther by requiring that church staff report their suspicions to police and prosecutors in addition to reporting internally.

SNAP also said the bishops should turn over any files and records related to sex abuse to their state attorneys general for investigation, and it urged the bishops to ensure that all U.S. dioceses release lists of priests, nuns and other church staff alleged to have committed sexual abuse.

Beyond the pope's edict, the bishops will consider creating an independent, third-party reporting system to which allegations of abuse could be filed.

The California Catholic Conference decried the confession bill as "a clear violation of religious liberty" and noted that priests violating the confidentiality of confession faced excommunication.

Sex abuse crisis tops agenda as Southern Baptists convene

By DAVID CRARY

Associated Press

The Southern Baptist Convention gathers for its annual national meeting Tuesday with one sobering topic — sex abuse by clergy and staff — overshadowing all others.

Inside the meeting hall in Birmingham, Ala., delegates representing the nation's largest Protestant denomination will likely vote on establishing criteria for expelling churches that mishandle or cover up abuse allegations.

They also may vote to establish a new committee which would review how member churches handle claims of abuse.

Outside the convention center, abuse survivors and other activists plan a protest rally Tuesday evening, demanding that the SBC move faster to require sex abuse training for all pastors, staff and volunteers and to create a database of credibly accused abusers that could be shared among its more than 47,000 churches. They will also be urging the church, which espouses all-male leadership, to be more respectful of

women's roles — a volatile topic that sparked online debate over whether women should preach to men.

Sex abuse already was a high-profile issue at the 2018 national meeting in Dallas, following revelations about several sexual misconduct cases. Soon after his election as SBC president at that meeting, the Rev. J.D. Greear formed an advisory group to draft recommendations on how to confront the problem.

However, pressure on the church has intensified in recent months, due in part to articles by the Houston Chronicle and San Antonio Express-News asserting that hundreds of Southern Baptist clergy and staff have been accused of sexual misconduct over the past 20 years, including dozens who returned to church duties, while leaving more than 700 victims with little in the way of justice or apologies.

"For years, there were people who assumed abuse was simply a Roman Catholic problem," said the Rev. Russell Moore, who heads the SBC's public policy arm. "I see that mentality dissipating. There seems to be a

growing sense of vulnerability and a willingness to address this crisis."

As evidence of that willingness, Greear's advisory group issued a detailed report Saturday about sexual abuse within the SBC.

It contained several first-person stories by sexual abuse survivors and acknowledged a variety of failures in how the SBC has responded to abuse — including inadequate training of staff, failure to believe and support victims, failure to report abuse to law enforcement, and recommending suspected perpetrators to new employment.

With the abuse scandal spreading, Greear's study committee issued 10 recommendations, and some action has been taken.

For example, a nine-member team has been developing a training curriculum to be used by churches and seminaries to improve responses to abuse. The team includes a psychologist, a former prosecutor, a detective, and attorney and abuse survivor Rachael Denhollander, the first woman to go public with charges against sports doctor Larry Nassar ahead of the prosecution that



MARK HUMPHREY/AP

Southern Baptist Convention President Rev. J.D. Greear will address many topics mainly focusing on sex abuse by clergy and staff when the SBC gathers for its annual convention Tuesday.

led to a lengthy prison sentence.

The study group also is considering new requirements for background checks of church leaders. And it is assessing options for a database listing abusers, though Baptist leaders say that process has been difficult because of legal issues.

Greear, in an email to The

Associated Press, said he was "thankful for the light" that the articles by the Houston Chronicle and San Antonio Express-News "shined on a dark area of our Convention."

"Only when sin is exposed to the light of truth, true repentance, healing, and change can begin," he wrote.

NATION



RICH PEDRONCELLI/AP

Oralia Sandoval holds her son, Benjamin, 6, as she participates in an Immigrants Day of Action rally last month in Sacramento, Calif. California Democrats have reached agreement on a proposal to allow some adults living in the country illegally to receive health benefits.

California lawmakers agree to immigrant health benefits

BY ADAM BEAM
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — California will become the first state to pay for some adults living in the country illegally to have full health benefits as the solidly liberal bastion continues to resist the policies of Republican President Donald Trump's administration.

Democrats in the state Legislature reached an agreement Sunday afternoon as part of a broader plan to spend \$213 billion of state and federal tax money over the next year. The legislature is expected to approve the deal this week.

The agreement means low-income adults between the ages of 19 and 25 living in California illegally would be eligible for California's Medicaid program, the joint state and federal health insurance program for the poor and disabled.

Only those in that age group whose incomes are low enough to qualify for the program would get the health benefits. State officials estimate that group will be about 90,000 people at a cost of \$98 million per year.

The state Senate had wanted to expand the proposal to include adults 65 and older, but the Newsom administration argued it would cost too much.

"California believes that health is a fundamental right," said state Sen. Holly Mitchell, a Los Angeles Democrat who led the budget negotiations.

The move is part of a larger

effort to make sure everyone in California has health insurance.

The proposal also makes California the first state in the country to help middle-income families pay their monthly health insurance premiums. It means a family of four earning as much as six times the federal poverty level — or more than \$150,000 a year

— would be eligible to get about \$100 a month from the government to help pay their monthly health insurance premiums.

But to pay for part of it, the state people who don't have health insurance. It's a revival of the individual mandate penalty that had been law nationwide under former President Barack Obama's health care law until Republicans in Congress eliminated it as part of the 2017 overhaul to the tax code.

Republicans on the legislative committee negotiating the budget voted against the proposal, arguing it was not fair to give health benefits to people who are in the country illegally while taxing people who are here legally for not purchasing health insurance.

The budget agreement still must be approved by the full state Legislature. State law requires

lawmakers to enact a budget by midnight on June 15. If they don't, lawmakers would lose their pay.

The health care proposals are a win for first-term Democratic Gov. Gavin Newsom, who proposed both of them. Several lawmakers in the Democratically dominated state Legislature wanted to go farther by offering health coverage to all adults living in California illegally. Newsom opposed that, noting it would cost \$3.4 billion.

Newsom did not get everything he wanted in the deal. Advocates say more than 1 million people in California don't have access to safe drinking water. Newsom had proposed a 95-cent tax on most residential water bills as well as fees on dairies, animal farms and fertilizer sellers to help water districts pay for improvements and boost supplies.

Lawmakers rejected the tax, arguing it was too burdensome in a year when the state is projected to have a \$21.5 billion surplus — the largest in at least 20 years.

Instead, lawmakers decided to use \$130 million in existing tax revenue to pay for the drinking water improvements. Most of that money — about \$100 million — would come from the state's sale of carbon credits as part of its "cap and trade" program.

The move means the state's agricultural industry, whose pollution is often blamed for the drinking water problems, would have about \$100 million less than it normally gets from the program for various projects.

'California believes that health is a fundamental right.'

Sen. Holly Mitchell
D-Los Angeles

Sales of ammo surge as Calif. ID law nears

BY PATRICK McGREEVY
Los Angeles Times

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — California ammo buyers are making a run on gun shops ahead of a new state law that on July 1 will require buyers of bullets to show identification and undergo a background check to screen out felons and people with illegal firearms.

In a state with the toughest gun laws in the nation, Gov. Gavin Newsom and some other leaders see restricting ammunition sales as a necessary next step in reducing gun tragedies.

Newsom included restrictions on bullets in Proposition 63, his statewide initiative that was approved by voters in 2016 and that helped raise his profile for his run for governor.

"From San Bernardino to Ventura to Poway, too many Californians have already died from gun violence," Newsom said last week. "I championed Prop. 63 because it is beyond time that we take common sense actions such as these to keep deadly ammo out of the wrong hands and protect our communities."

Loophole closed

The new law closes a loophole in existing rules aimed at reducing illegal weapons, supporters say, while some gun owners say it goes too far in infringing on the rights of law-abiding citizens.

Kim Rhode, an Olympic gold medalist shooter from El Monte, said she uses thousands of rounds each week to keep up her skill with daily practice. The law approved in 2016 not only creates more red tape for purchasers but also requires them to buy ammo face-to-face from a licensed dealer, hampering orders on the internet.

"These regulations essentially prevent me from being able to stay qualified and not only hurt my skill but jeop-

ardize the United States' representation at the Olympic Games," she said.

Rhode is a plaintiff in a lawsuit backed by the National Rifle Association that is pressuring the courts to block the requirement on grounds it is unconstitutional, although the next court hearing is months away.

Meanwhile, the state Department of Justice is scrambling to develop its procedures for the screening process, with the possibility that the new system will not be finalized before the start of the month.

Even with a possible delay, gun owners have been stockpiling ammunition.

'Gearing up'

OC Guns store owner Scott Bodkin said sales of ammunition have doubled at his Lake Forest store in recent weeks.

"People are gearing up for it," he said of the new law. "They are buying a lot. They don't like it. It's just another typical California deterrent to make things tougher for gun owners."

The Sacramento-area firm Ammo Depot has leased a freeway billboard warning of the new law and urging, "Get your ammo now!"

Mike Hein, of Ade's Gun Shop in Orange, said ammunition sales in recent months have jumped by more than 10%, including an increase in customers making bulk buys of as many as 1,000 rounds.

"People are starting to stock up. We stocked up on ammunition," he said. "Most people know about the deadline. They are running scared. They are pissed off."

He said there is also confusion about what the new law will require and added that the Justice Department has not provided clarity.

An agency representative would not comment on the new law or say when it will be enforced.



GINA FERAZZI, THE LOS ANGELES TIMES/TNS

A customer is shown ammo for personal defense at the Get Loaded gun store in Grand Terrace, Calif. Gun owners are stocking up ahead of a new state law regulating ammo sales.

NATION

Progressives weigh options for primaries

BY ALAN FRAM

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Activists hoping to defeat House Democrats in next year's primary elections with more progressive and diverse challengers are assessing how to cope with unintended consequences of their 2018 success, even as they hunt for their next Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, 29.

Ocasio-Cortez, of course, is the bartender who last year upset the No. 4 House Democrat in a New York City primary and became one of this Congress' most buzzed and even influential figures. Her startling victory sent shivers through incumbents and has helped galvanize liberals eager for more fresh Democratic faces in 2020.

Yet progressive organizations worry that, emboldened by Ocasio-Cortez and others, a glut of Democratic challengers might divide the anti-incumbent vote in some districts, helping House members they are targeting to survive party primaries. In 40 states, the primary winner needs only the largest share of votes, and there is no runoff.

So even as Democrats celebrate a diverse freshman class that includes Rep. Ayanna Pressley, of Massachusetts — who ousted a 10-term House Democrat — Rashida Tlaib, of Michigan, and Minnesota's Ilhan Omar, progressives are considering how to harness the energy for 2020 primaries.

"One challenger per district, that's my motto," said Sean McElwee, co-founder of Data for Progress, which provides political analysis to activist groups.

Adam Green, co-founder of the Progressive Change Campaign Committee, said he's exploring whether competing liberal



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Rep. Rashida Tlaib, D-Mich., right, and Rep. Ayanna Pressley, D-Mass., left, shown at a House Oversight and Reform Committee hearing in Washington in February, are among a diverse freshman class of Democrats elected in 2018.



Ocasio-Cortez

candidates would pledge to coalesce before their primaries if one challenger leads decisively.

Yvette Simpson, CEO of Democracy for America, and Adam Gold, a political director for the Center for Popular Democracy Action, said several groups have discussed whether to make early, joint endorsements of candi-

dates to avoid divisions.

Justice Democrats, the tiny grassroot group that recruited Ocasio-Cortez to run and is already seeking new candidates around the country, says it plans to recruit fewer than the dozen House challengers it enlisted and mentored in 2018. Ocasio-Cortez was their only winner. They also endorsed 66 other House, Senate and state candidates, six of whom won.

"We used to think it was quantity," said Alexandra Rojas, executive director of Justice Democrats, which has about 10 staffers and reported spending just \$2.5

million in 2018. But because of Ocasio-Cortez's impact, pressuring even Democratic presidential candidates to address issues like climate change and universal health care, Rojas said she now believes "it's more about one big race can really transform everything and shift the political landscape."

It's premature to gauge whether the zealous progressives say they're observing is real or will translate to serious primary candidacies. The overwhelming majority of challengers fail due to funding, organizational and name recognition shortcomings.

But in an early tabulation by The Associated Press, there were 260 declared House Democratic challengers through May this year. Of those, 103, or 40%, were in districts with sitting Democrats, not GOP-held or open seats.

In contrast, there were just 212 declared GOP House challengers. Only 37, or 17%, would oppose Republican incumbents, many of whom hope to avoid GOP primary challenges by hewing close to President Donald Trump.

"It's not just older white men but everybody, including younger incumbent women, is looking over their left shoulder," said Rep. Don Beyer, D-Va., finance co-chair for the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee, House Democrats' political organization.

Still, party leaders note that just four of the House's 435 members were defeated in primaries last year, two from each party, with most lawmakers facing no primaries because they seemed unbeatable. Only three times since 1974 have the number of incumbents losing primaries reached double digits.

Rivals take veiled swipes at candidate Biden in Iowa

BY THOMAS BEAUMONT
AND ALEXANDRA JAFFE
Associated Press

CEDAR RAPIDS, Iowa — Joe Biden was not in the banquet hall for the Iowa Democratic Party's blockbuster fundraiser on Sunday where 19 of his party's presidential candidates spoke. But he was present in the veiled criticism from several of his rivals.

In five-minute chunks of speaking time, the candidates got the chance to make their case before 1,400 of the most influential Democrats in the leadoff caucus state. Some chose to nudge the national front-runner and leader in a new Iowa poll without naming him.

The sharpest jabs came from Sen. Bernie Sanders, of Vermont, who painted Biden as too cautious at a time that demands stark change. Sanders, who trails only Biden in the polls, described Biden as a "well-intentioned" candidate pursuing "a middle-ground strategy that antagonizes no one, that stands up to nobody and that changes nothing."

"In my view, that approach is not just bad public policy but it is a failed political strategy that I feel could end up with the reelection of Donald Trump," Sanders said.

South Bend, Ind., Mayor Pete

Buttigieg, 37, whose quiet, Midwestern approach and profile as an Afghanistan veteran and married gay man has captured some Iowans' attention, also not so subtly challenged the idea that Biden's experience made him the best party standard-bearer.

"We're not going to win by playing it safe or promising a return to normal," Buttigieg said. "We are where we are because normal broke. ... Democrats can no more promise a return to the '90s than Republicans can deliver on a promise to return us to the '50s."

Biden skipped the Cedar Rapids event, the largest gathering of 2020 Democratic presidential candidates to date and what amounted to an afternoon-long political talent show. Many of those attending used it as an early test of their ability to turn out supporters, a key factor in the caucuses now less than eight months away.

Biden was scheduled to return to Iowa on Tuesday, the same day Trump is scheduled to campaign in western Iowa, setting up the direct comparison between the two that Biden has sought to emphasize.

Biden had also declined to attend the California Democratic Party convention the previous weekend, choosing instead to



CHARLIE NEIBERGALL/AP

speak to an important gay rights group in battleground Ohio.

While Biden had awkwardly reversed positions last week on abortion policy, a Democratic priority, few of his chief critics took aim on Sunday.

Biden's campaign first affirmed his support for the decades-old Hyde Amendment, which bars federal funding for abortions, only to reverse course. It prompted a rebuke from several fellow candidates, especially Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren, who

is rising in the polls in Iowa.

A Des Moines Register-CNN-Mediacom poll published Saturday showed Biden favored in Iowa, followed by Sanders, Warren and Buttigieg.

California Sen. Kamala Harris, who trails in fifth, last week called herself "absolutely opposed" to maintaining the Hyde Amendment, but she avoided criticizing Biden on abortion in Sunday's speech.

Warren also stayed away from the abortion funding debate and

instead framed her veiled criticism of Biden through her focus on rooting moneyed interests out of politics.

"I'm not spending my time with high-dollar donors and with corporate lobbyists," Warren said. "That's how we build a grassroots movement in America."

Biden has been holding often twice-weekly, big-dollar fundraisers with groups hosted by wealthy business executives and successful trial lawyers, as he plans to do in Chicago on Wednesday.

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WORLD

Officials: 95 dead in Mali massacre

By BABA AHMED
Associated Press

BAMAKO, Mali — Unknown assailants killed at least 95 people in an ethnic Dogon village overnight in the latest massacre to destabilize central Mali, a government official said Monday.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the attack, though tensions have been high since an ethnic Dogon militia was accused of carrying out a larger massacre in an ethnic Peuhl village in March.

Youssouf Toloba, who leads the Dogon militia known as Dan Na Ambassagou, denied that his fighters carried out the March bloodshed that left at least 157 people dead. Some Peuhl leaders, however, have vowed to carry out reprisal attacks.

Amadou Sangho, spokesman for the Interior Security ministry, said another 19 people were missing after the Dogon village of Sobane was attacked around 3 a.m. Monday. The village is in the



commune of Sangha, the heart of the Dogon militia blamed for the March attack that has been the deadliest so far.

The latest attackers are suspected "terrorists," Mali's gov-

ernment said in a statement later Monday.

"This carnage" also left homes burned and animals killed, the statement said.

Security reinforcements were

deployed to track the perpetrators, it said.

Intercommunal violence has risen steadily in central Mali over the last several years, exacerbated by the presence of Islamic extremists who have moved south from their strongholds in the arid north.

The Peuhl are accused of working alongside jihadists from Islam State of Greater Sahara to attack Dogon villages and prevent residents from cultivating their land.

The Peuhl in turn have alleged that the Dogons are collaborating with Mali's military though there is no conclusive sign of state support.

Human Rights Watch has said the Dan Na Ambassagou militia has been implicated in scores of deadly attacks over the past year and Mali's president has vowed to eliminate it.

Sudan's military blames protesters for escalation

KHARTOUM, Sudan — Sudan's ruling military blamed the country's protest movement for an escalation as the second day of the opposition's general strike kicked in on Monday in the protesters' latest bid to pressure the army to hand over power to civilians rule.

For the second day, shops and businesses were closed in the capital, Khartoum.

It has been two months since the military ousted Sudan's long-time autocrat, Omar al-Bashir, on April 11, following months of protests against his rule. The generals promised free elections following a transitional period.

The protesters, however, demanded the generals relinquish power right away.

Saudi youth, arrested at 13, could be executed

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — Amnesty International says a young Saudi man, arrested when he was 13, could get the death sentence for taking part in protests by minority Shiites demanding greater rights.

The rights group says Murtaja Qureiris, now 18, is on trial for offenses that involve taking part in protests when he was just 10, including a rally that erupted at his older brother's funeral who was killed while protesting.

Saudi Arabia has intensified a crackdown on critics.

In April, it carried out a mass execution of 37 men, which Amnesty says included a young Shiite male arrested at 16.

Swedish police shoot man threatening people

STOCKHOLM — Swedish police officers shot and wounded a man who was banging a bag on the ground and claiming to have a bomb at a train station Monday, authorities and a witness said.

Police were alerted just after 10 a.m. that a man was behaving in a menacing way at the central station in the southern city of Malmo.

Police were quoted by the TT news agency as saying that officers had no choice but to shoot him because of his behavior.

He was taken to a hospital with injuries, and nobody else was reportedly hurt.

Pakistani court rejects ex-president's request

ISLAMABAD — A Pakistani court rejected a request by former President Asif Ali Zardari and his sister for an extension of their bail that would allow them to remain free despite facing a multimillion-dollar money laundering case.

The decision paves the way for the country's anti-graft body to arrest the two.

Zardari, currently a lawmaker in Parliament, and his sister Faryal Talpur, also a politician, are accused of having dozens of bogus bank accounts.

The two attended the court hearing but were not arrested at the scene.

From The Associated Press

Hong Kong pushes ahead with extradition bill

By CHRISTOPHER BODEEN
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Associated Press

HONG KONG — Hong Kong's leader signaled Monday that her government will push ahead with controversial amendments to extradition laws despite a massive protest against them that underscored fears about mainland China's broadening presence in the semi-autonomous territory.

In what was likely Hong Kong's largest protest in more than a decade, hundreds of thousands of people shut down the heart of the skyscraper-studded city Sunday, three days before the Legislative Council is slated to take up the bill.

The demonstrations refocused attention on the former British colony, whose residents have long bristled at what many see as efforts

by Beijing to tighten control, and dominated newspaper front pages in a city that allows far more freedom of expression than other parts of China.

Chief Executive Carrie Lam told reporters the legislation is important and will help Hong Kong uphold justice and fulfill its international obligations.

Safeguards added in May will ensure that the legislation protects human rights, she said.

Hong Kong was guaranteed the right to retain its own social, legal and political systems for 50 years under an agreement reached before its 1997 return to China from British rule. China's ruling Communist Party has been seen as increasingly reneging on that agreement by pushing through unpopular legal changes.

The extradition law amendments would

allow Hong Kong to send people to mainland China to face charges, spurring criticism that defendants in the Chinese judicial system won't have the same rights as they would in Hong Kong.

Opponents contend the proposed legislation could make Hong Kong residents vulnerable to vague national security charges and unfair trials.

The protest that stretched past midnight into Monday was largely peaceful, though there were a few scuffles with police as demonstrators broke through barriers at government headquarters and briefly pushed their way into the lobby. Police in riot gear used batons and tear gas to push the protesters outside.

Three officers and one journalist were injured, according to Hong Kong media reports.

Ally of ex-Kazakhstan leader wins presidency

Associated Press

MOSCOW — An ally of Kazakhstan's former president was named winner of the presidential election Monday in a vote marred by a police crackdown on protesters who criticized the result as an orchestrated handover of power.

The Central Election Commission in this Central Asian country said Monday that Kassym-Jomart Tokayev won nearly 71 percent of the vote with all the ballots counted. The results have not yet been formally confirmed.

Tokayev became acting president when Nursultan Nazarbayev, who had led the country since its independence from the Soviet Union in 1991, stepped down. Shortly after Nazarbayev resigned, Kazakhstan's ruling party nominated Tokayev for president.

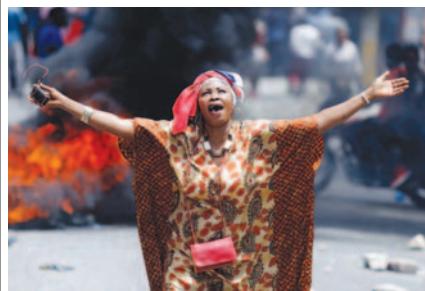
Some 500 people were taken into custody after police broke up rallies in Kazakhstan's two largest cities Sunday.

Protests erupted again Monday with people rallying in the capital, Nur-Sultan, named after the former president, and the commercial capital Almaty.

An Associated Press photographer saw at least 100 people detained by police on a central square in Almaty on Monday morning.

The observers' mission of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe on Monday criticized Kazakh authorities for dispersing the rallies.

The OSCE said in a statement that the police response "hampered the conduct of democratic elections."



DIEU NALIO CHERY/AP

Protests in Haiti

A protester yells anti-government slogans in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, on Sunday. Protesters denouncing corruption blocked roads and burned tires, paralyzing much of the capital, as they demanded the removal of President Jovenel Moise. Police reported two people were killed and five injured.

BUSINESS/WEATHER

Raytheon, United Technologies to merge

Associated Press

WALTHAM, Mass. — Raytheon Co. and United Technologies Corp. are merging in a deal that creates one of the world's largest defense companies.

The merger, announced Sunday, will close in the first half of 2020 after United Technologies completes the previously planned separation of its Otis and Carrier businesses.

Raytheon shareholders will receive 2.33 shares in the new company for each Raytheon share. Once the merger is complete, United Technologies shareholders will own approximately 57% of the company; Raytheon shareholders will own the rest.

The combined company, Raytheon Technologies Corp., will be a powerhouse of defense research and technology, with total sales of approximately \$74 billion this year. That would top giants like Lockheed Martin Corp. and Northrop Grumman Corp.

Waltham, Mass.-based Raytheon was founded in 1922 and makes missiles — including the Patriot system — and cybersecurity tools. Connecticut-based United Technologies was founded in 1934 and makes products for the aerospace and building sectors, including airplane engines and spacesuits.

The companies said they will be able to develop new technolo-

gies more quickly with combined R&D spending of \$8 billion annually and more than 60,000 engineers. Raytheon Technologies will focus on hypersonics — vehicles or weapons which can fly faster than the speed of sound — as well as intelligence and surveillance systems, artificial intelligence for commercial aviation and cybersecurity for connected planes.

Eventually, the companies expect the merger will cut \$1 billion in costs annually, half of which will be returned to customers.

"Our two companies have iconic brands that share a long history of innovation, customer focus and proven execution," United Technologies Chairman and CEO

Greg Hayes said in a statement.

Hayes will become the CEO of Raytheon Technologies. Two years after the merger closes, he will add the title of chairman.

Raytheon Chairman and CEO Tom Kennedy will be appointed executive chairman.

The company's board will have eight directors from United Technologies and seven from Raytheon.

Raytheon Technologies will be based near Boston. That brought a complaint from U.S. Sen. Richard Blumenthal, D-Conn., who said he is troubled by the potential impact of the headquarters moving to Massachusetts. Blumenthal, a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, also

urged the Defense Department, the Justice Department and other agencies to examine the potential impact on costs and competition in the defense industry.

Defense mergers have been increasing as companies look to ensure future growth.

In 2018, there were eight mergers exceeding \$1 billion in value, including an all-stock deal between L3 Technologies and Harris Corp. and General Dynamics' acquisition of CSRA Inc., according to PricewaterhouseCoopers.

EXCHANGE RATES

	Military rates
Euro costs (June 11)	\$1.1605
Dollar buys (June 11)	€0.8617
Canadian (Dollar)	1.31
Japanese yen (June 11)	105.00
South Korean won (June 11)	1,153.00

	Commercial rates
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3768
British pound	1.2671
Canadian (Dollar)	1.3272
Chinese (Yuan)	5.9319
Denmark (Krone)	6.6098
Egypt (Pound)	16.7565
French (Franc)	1,130.00
Hong Kong (Dollar)	7.8431
Hungary (Forint)	283.09
Iceland (Króna)	323.64
Japan (Yen)	105.58
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.3039
Norway (Krone)	8.6559
Poland (Złoty)	5.21
Poland (Złoty)	3.77
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7521
Switzerland (Franc)	1.0394
South Korea (Won)	1,185.30
Thailand (Baht)	0.9910
Turkey (Lira)	31.35
U.K. (Pound)	5.7819

(Military exchange rates are those available to customers at military banking facilities. Commercial rates are for Japan, South Korea, Germany, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom. For example, the rate for the British pound (for purchasing British pounds in Germany), check with your local military banking facility. Commercial rates are bank rates provided for reference when buying currency. All figures are foreign currencies versus the U.S. dollar, which is represented in dollars-to-pound, and the euro, which is dollars-to-euro.)

INTEREST RATES

Prime rate	5.50
Discount rate	3.00
Federal funds market rate	2.37
3-month bill	2.23
30-year bond	2.57

WEATHER OUTLOOK

TUESDAY IN THE MIDDLE EAST



TUESDAY IN EUROPE



WEDNESDAY IN THE PACIFIC



The weather is provided by the American Forces Network Weather Center, 2nd Weather Squadron at Offutt Air Force Base, Neb.

AMERICAN ROUNDUP

Fire destroys 6 parked semitrucks at plant

NE LINCOLN — Authorities are trying to determine what started a fire that destroyed several semitrucks over the weekend.

The Lincoln Journal Star reported that the fire happened Saturday night about 10:45 in a parking lot outside the Sysco plant in northwest Lincoln.

Fire investigator Don Gross said six semitrucks without trailers were destroyed by the fire but there wasn't any damage to nearby buildings.

BK sorry tops of tables cleaned with floor mop

FL JACKSONVILLE — Burger King is apologizing after a Florida employee was caught on video using a floor mop to clean the tops of tables.

The video shows an employee scrubbing a table with a mop and then back down to the floor.

The fast-food chain released a statement Friday condemning the employee's actions and calling the incident unacceptable.

News4Jax reported the same Burger King location in Fruit Cove was cited for eight violations in February, including moldy kitchen vents and dirty freezer interiors.

Police: Woman stole patrol car after crash

CO DENVER — The Colorado State Patrol said a woman stole a patrol car while she was in police custody following a previous car theft.

Patrol officials said troopers responded to a crash Friday on Interstate 70 in western Colorado. They said Vanessa Jaramillo, 29, and Nickolas Masicarenas, 36, fled after the stolen car crashed near Palisade.

The patrol said Jaramillo was caught after she crossed the highway and jumped into the Colorado River. Patrol officials said that while she was in custody, Jaramillo stole the patrol car and led troopers on a chase down the highway.

She allegedly crashed the patrol car and was caught again.

2 suspects attack officer, steal his gun

GA ATLANTA — Atlanta police are looking for two suspects who attacked an officer and stole his gun and radio.

WSB-TV reported that the officer was responding Saturday night to a call from a gas station where a man was fighting with a store clerk. Police said the officer was trying to take the man into custody when he was attacked by another person from behind.

The officer suffered minor injuries, and the suspects fled with his gun and radio.

Another alligator found in city; 3rd in a month

PA PITTSBURGH — Public safety officials in



ELLEN O'NAN, THE PADUCAH (Ky.) SUN/AP

Fitness fun fest

Jeremiah Bedreau, 3, participates in the George Wilson S.A.F.E.T.Y. Foundation 12th annual Sports Fest Football and Fitness Camp on Saturday in Paducah, Ky. The foundation is a nonprofit organization founded by the National Football League's Tennessee Titans safety George Wilson. The mission of the camp is to raise the awareness of the effects of childhood obesity and to demonstrate fun ways to incorporate physical activities into everyday life. More than 150 kids of all ages attended Saturday's camp.

Pittsburgh report having captured another alligator, the third found in the Steel City in the past month.

Officers responded about 6:15 p.m. Saturday after a 2½-foot-long alligator was found on the porch of a home in the Carrick neighborhood. They were able to get the reptile into a box, and animal control officers then took it to Humane Animal Rescue in Homewood.

A 5- to 6-foot-long alligator was found Thursday evening in the Beechview neighborhood, and a 3-foot-long alligator was captured May 18 at the South Side Riverfront Park.

Authorities believe the previous two alligators found in the city were discarded pets.

Sugar gliders rescued from burning home

MI BATTLE CREEK — Firefighters called to a house fire in Battle Creek rescued two small residents who got left behind in the smoke-filled home.

Police said the firefighters

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The age of a northeast Mississippi hardware store that closed on Saturday, Biggers Hardware, of Corinth, shut its doors after an auction of remaining stock and store fixtures. Co-owner Lon Taylor, 68, said, "It's time to go home."

saved two pet sugar gliders from the burning home Thursday. The small marsupials are native to Australia, New Guinea and some Indonesian islands and can glide like flying squirrels.

WWMT-TV reported that firefighters moved the animals from the home to safety and successfully treated them with oxygen.

Police: Deputy filmed mother, baby in sex act

LA ST. GABRIEL — Authorities said a Louisiana sheriff's deputy filmed a mother performing a sex act on her 1-year-old boy.

News outlets reported that St. Gabriel police arrested Shaderrick Jones on Friday on multiple charges including principal to first-degree rape.

The boy's mother was arrested Saturday on a charge of first-degree rape and incest. According to WAFB-TV, she told investigators she was coerced into performing the sex act because Jones had a traffic arrest warrant against her.

Jones had worked for the Iberville Parish Sheriff's Office since 2015. He was fired after his arrest.

Sheriff Brett Stassi said someone showed police footage of the incident, which he believed to have occurred early Thursday. He described what he'd seen as "sick."

\$530M lottery ticket sold in liquor store

CA SAN DIEGO — A lottery ticket worth \$530 million in the Mega Millions

drawing was sold at a liquor store in San Diego, the City News Service reported.

The winner of Friday's drawing will have to decide whether to receive the estimated \$530 million jackpot in 30 installments or its \$345.2 million cash value.

Hiker rescued after week in wilderness

AR MENA — A Texas man who was found after he went missing for about a week while hiking alone in a remote area of Arkansas said his rescue was the result of "hundreds of miracles."

Joshua McClatchy told WFAA-TV in Dallas on Saturday he wouldn't be alive without the efforts of search and rescue teams that looked for him after he was reported missing June 1. He also thanked his faith.

"It's not just one miracle; it's hundreds of miracles," McClatchy said of his rescue on Friday.

McClatchy, from Fort Worth, said he's not ready to talk about what he went through.

From wire reports

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Heck of a night for 'Hadestown'

Play about underworld earns 8 Tonys; Stroker's win 1st for actor in wheelchair

By MARK KENNEDY
Associated Press

"Hadestown," the brooding musical about the underworld, had a heavenly night at the Tony Awards, winning eight trophies Sunday, including best new musical and handing a rare win for a female director of a musical.

Playwright Jez Butterworth's "The Ferryman" was crowned best play. In the four lead actor and actress categories, Bryan Cranston won his second acting Tony, but theater veterans Elaine May, Santino Fontana and Stephenie J. Block each won for the first time.

The crowd at Radio City Music Hall erupted when Ali Stroker made history as the first actor in a wheelchair to win a Tony. Stroker, paralyzed from the chest down due to a car crash when she was 2, won for featured actress in a musical for her work in a dark

revival of "Oklahoma!"

"This award is for every kid who is watching tonight who has a disability, who has a limitation or a challenge, who has been waiting to see themselves represented in this arena," she said. "You are."

Rachel Chavkin, the only woman to helm a new Broadway musical this season, won the Tony for best director of a musical for "Hadestown." She became only the 10th woman to win as director of either a play or a musical on Broadway and told the crowd she was sorry to be such a rarity.

Cranston seemed to tap into the vibe when he won the Tony for best leading man in a play award for his work as newscaster Howard Beale in "Network."

"Finally, a straight old white man gets a break!" he joked.

Fontana won his first Tony as the cross-dressing lead in "Tootsie." Fontana, perhaps best known for his singing role as



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The company of "Hadestown" accepts the Tony Award for best musical at the Radio City Music Hall on Sunday night in New York.

Hans in "Frozen," won in an adaptation of the 1982 Dustin Hoffman film about a struggling actor who impersonated a woman in order to improve his chances of getting a job. It was the only win for "Tootsie."

Another first-time winner was Block, who earned her Tony for playing a legend — Cher, Block, who has had roles on "Homeland" and "Orange Is the New Black" — is one of three actresses to play the title character in the musical "The Cher Show." She thanked "the goddess Cher for her life and legacy."

Other winners included the legendary May, who took home her first ever Tony for best leading actress, playing the Alzheimer's-afflicted grandmother in Kenneth Lonergan's comic drama "The Waverly Gallery."

Andre DeShields captured featured actor in a musical for "Hadestown," his first Tony at the age of 73. In his speech, he gave "three cardinal rules of my sustainability and longevity."

"One, surround yourself with people whose eyes light up when they see you coming. Two, slowly is the fastest way to get to where



Ali Stroker accepts the award for featured actress in a musical for "Oklahoma!"

you want to be, and three, the top of one mountain is the bottom of the next, so keep climbing."

James Corden, in his second stint as Tony host, was at his fanboy best, whether anxiously hiding in a bathroom with previous hosts Josh Groban and Sara Bareilles or trying to provoke a Nicki Minaj-Cardi B-style beef between usually overly polite and supportive Broadway figures (Laura Linney and Audra McDonald finally obliged). He also asked celebrities to sing karaoke during the commercials. He kicked off the show with a massive, nine-minute opening number.



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"When They See Us" director Ava DuVernay, center, poses May 20 with the Central Park Five: from left, Raymond Santana, Kevin Richardson, Korey Wise, Antron McCray and Yusef Salaam. An Oprah Winfrey interview with the men will air on OWN and Netflix.

'Pets 2' outshines 'Dark Phoenix'

Associated Press

After nearly 20 years and a dozen films, the current manifestation of X-Men movies is going out with a whimper.

Scorched by poor reviews, the \$200 million "Dark Phoenix" earned a franchise low of \$33 million over the weekend for a second place finish, according to studio estimates Sunday. First place went instead to "The Secret Life of Pets 2."

The animated sequel, featuring the voices of Kevin Hart, Tiffany Haddish and Harrison Ford in his first animated role, grossed an estimated \$47.1 million in ticket sales. Although less than half of what the first film opened to in 2016, it's still a major win for the studio, considering that the production budget was around \$80 million. Including international grosses, its global total is already at \$97 million.

"Dark Phoenix," directed by longtime X-Men scribe Simon Kinberg, focuses on Jean Grey (Sophie Turner). It's the de facto conclusion to the modern X-Men movies that started in 2000. But it scored even worse reviews than the widely-disparaged "X-Men: Apocalypse." Internationally, though, "Dark Phoenix" was No. 1 with \$107 million from 53 territories, including China.

"Disney's" "Aladdin" moved to third place in its third weekend, adding \$24.5 million. It has earned \$604.9 million globally.

"Godzilla: King of the Monsters" fell 67% in its second weekend, taking in \$15.5 million.

The Elton John biopic "Rocketman" rounded out the top five with \$14 million in its second week.

Study: Women underrepresented in top animation jobs

Women make up about half of all executives in animation, but a study released Monday says the numbers fall significantly when it comes to female directors and other leadership roles in the industry. The study by the USC Annenberg Inclusion Initiative and the nonprofit advocacy group Women in

Animation said that in the past 12 years, only 3% of animated film directors were women and only one, "Kung Fu Panda 2" director Jennifer Yuh Nelson, was a woman of color.

In some areas, like producing, animation has better female representation than live-action films. The study found that women made up 37% of producers on the 120 animated films surveyed going back to 2007. On live-action features, women make up about 15% of producers.

Women also made up 13% of directors of popular animated television shows from 2018, the only year covered by the study. But women of color were underrepresented in all areas.

Other news

■ Academy Award-winning actress Olivia Colman has been honored by Queen Elizabeth II — the monarch she is about to play on the Netflix royal family TV drama "The Crown." Colman was named a Commander of the Order of the British Empire, or CBE, in the annual Queen's Birthday Honors list. The performer won a best-actress Oscar this year for playing 18th-century monarch Queen Anne in "The Favourite." The queen also made singer-songwriter Elvis Costello, 64, an Officer of the Order of the British Empire, or OBE — an honor far from his roots in Britain's punk and new wave scene during the 1970s.

■ Chris Pratt and Katherine Schwarzenegger were married Saturday in a ceremony that the "Guardians of the Galaxy" actor called "intimate, moving and emotional." Pratt announced the nuptials Sunday in an Instagram post accompanied by a photo of the couple walking hand-in-hand. The pair began dating last summer.

■ Bushwick Bill, the diminutive, one-eyed rapper who with the Geto Boys helped put the South's stamp on rap with hits like "Mind Playing Tricks On Me" and "Six Feet Deep," died Sunday at the age of 52, according to his publicist. His business manager, Peter Marrero, said the rapper was diagnosed with stage 4 pancreatic cancer in February.

The Queen of All Media will sit down with the Central Park Five for the first time ever for a special in-depth conversation scheduled to air on Netflix and OWN on Wednesday.

The streaming giant and the basic cable channel announced Friday that Oprah Winfrey will interview Antron McCray, Kevin Richardson, Yusef Salaam, Raymond Santana and Korey Wise — the subjects of the acclaimed four-part Netflix miniseries "When They See Us," which chronicles the controversial case of five teenagers, labeled the "Central Park Five," who were convicted of a 1989 rape they did not commit in the city.

Winfrey serves as an executive producer of the miniseries, which has an ensemble cast that includes Asante Blackk, Felicity Huffman, Michael K. Williams and John Leguizamo.

The series, written by Attica Locke, Robin Swicord, Michael Starrbury and Julian Breece, has become a lightning rod on social media, and has led to New York City prosecutor Linda Fairstein to be removed from her positions on boards of colleges and charitable organizations. Dutton, the publisher of Fairstein's best-selling crime novels, has also dropped her.

New York Daily News

Oprah Winfrey interview with Central Park Five to air on TV

SHIFTING GEARS



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Mazda 3 hatch has the looks, moves

By HENRY PAYNE
The Detroit News

In the middle of the New York auto show floor each year sits the exotic car stand featuring the latest from storied makes like Lamborghini, Bentley, Bugatti and Koenigsegg. It's hard to notice anything else nearby.

Yet Mazda, with its stunning Kai Concept, managed to compete.

This luscious, candy-red hatchback was a show-stopper. I didn't know whether to stare at it or lick it. Like the Cadillac Escala or Buick Avista concepts, the Kai Concept study signaled the Mazda's future. But it was hard to believe this work of art could become a \$25,000 production car.

Believe it.

The 2019 Mazda 3 is now on dealer lots and is the Kai Concept incarnate save for larger mirrors and smaller wheels. Wrapped in Soul Red, it's the most stunning hatch the segment has seen. From its long hood to curvaceous rump, it looks like a Mazda compact and a Mercedes GT Coupe had a love child.

With a driver-focused interior, all-wheel drive and manual-box option, the Mazda 3 just is an engine away from enthusiast nirvana.

Now for the 186-horsepower four-banger is a deal-breaker. Smooth and quiet, it lacks the 200-plus horsepower turbo option of some segment competitors. But passing up the Mazda 3 over a turbo is like complaining that Carrie Underwood can't play a Wurlitzer organ.

It arrives at a time when the sedan segment has fallen out of favor in SUV nation. Ford, Chevy and Chrysler have all pulled out of the compact segment.

Mazda is all-in with the new 3. It's about the joy of driving. It's a bright-yellow teardrop sign off the road to autonomy.

With this fourth-generation compact, Mazda continues like fellow performance brand Volkswagen to split its compact offerings between sedan and hatch. VW badges

its sedan (Jetta) and hatchback (Golf) separately. Not Mazda. But the four-door and five-door invite different customers.

So different are their exteriors that they only share a hood. The sedan's nice, but — as readers know — I'm a hatchaholic.

Jumping into the 3 hatch (3 stands for the number of laps you'll make around this lovely creature before getting it) in California's Sierra Nevada Mountains, I enjoyed the car as much inside as outside. The steering wheel is planted, the body controlled, the six-speed tranny like butter.

It begs to be pushed. Pushed to the point

that you ask if there's more under the hood. It's a question Mazda won't answer for now.

My favorite car in the segment, the turbocharged 220-horse VW Golf GTI, is not threatened here. Yet.

Though its minimalist good looks, alluring interior and athletic handling appeal to the same customer as the GTI, Mazda stops short of offering a GTI challenger even though it has the tool in the toolbox to do it: Mazda's 2.5-liter turbo-four that produces 310 pound-feet of torque and 250-horsepower.

But the 3 still has plenty to tempt buyers.

For example, the 2.5-liter inline-4 cylinder that does come standard produces 186 horses and 185 pound-feet of torque. And it blows away every other standard engine in the segment, including Golf — all the while getting good fuel economy (34.7 mpg under my lead foot). Its stylish looks are for all Ford Fiesta and Focus refugees who are achin' for an aesthetically pleasing hatch.

There's not just hatchback utility, but an all-wheel drive system that expands Mazda's demographic into all-season Middle America. The system is good. Very good. I flogged it around a mountain snow course like a Finnish rally driver, the 3 never putting a foot wrong.

The AWD play is a bold challenge to Subaru's exclusivity in segment. But the Mazda is a more premium animal than the Impreza while offering similar standard features.

The 3 hatch is easy to build. Starting at \$24,495 (the sedan begins at \$21,895) the car comes standard with 8.8-inch screen, push-button start, 18-inch wheels, leatherette seats, adaptive cruise-control and blind-spot assist.

You'll appreciate that last feature because the hatch's racy C-pillar could hide New Hampshire. It's huge.

Like its Mazda 6 and CX-5 siblings about which I've raved, 3 comes with i-Activsense, an instrument-display-based graph-

ic that constantly informs you of other vehicles around your car. Innovated by Tesla, Mazda has made this tech its own.

Still, this is where 3 customers might depart from the hatch. Stunning outside, it might not be comfortable for drivers who have to spend a lot of time in traffic — and rear-seat passengers might pine for more sunlight.

Add AWD to your hatch for more grip and Soul Red paint for curb appeal and you'll be the envy of the block for just \$26,490 — competitive with an Impreza but with more everything. Heck, I'll wonder why people bother to buy a similarly equipped \$40,000 AWD Audi A3.

Forget adding a navigation system — phone apps are better. Mazda's generous center console allows plenty of room to stow your phone and hook in to Apple CarPlay or Android Auto — and the standard 8.8-inch display offers good graphics.

That knee in your back is your rear passengers again — 5-footers cramped relative to, say, a roomy Golf or Civic. But they'll be reassured by the 3's well-engineered ride dynamics and quieted cabin.

Credit more attention to detail as the 3's engineering team caulked all the gaps from the previous gen car. The four isn't buzzy at high revs, but makes a nice warm growl under acceleration.

Dude, you ask, every Mazda is spawn of the Miata sports car — so where's the manual shifter?

Smartly, Mazda has packaged it with the 3's premium trim, recognizing manuals are no longer a value play but a feature craved by enthusiasts. Thus equipped, a premium manual (available with FWD only) will set you back \$28,395 — competitive with a manual GTI.

And if Mazda sells enough of them — and picks up sales from those suffering Cruz and Focus hatchback customers — the business case for an AWD manual with 250-horsepower would be irresistible.

That would be a sweet next to the exotics at the New York show.

2019 Mazda 3



Higns: The cure for the common compact; premium interior

Lows: Blind spot the size of New Hampshire; 250-horse turbo-4, please?

Vehicle type: Crossover utility vehicle

Base price: \$21,895 sedan, \$24,495 hatchback (including \$895 destination fee)

Price as tested: \$30,390 (Premium, AWD hatchback)

Powertain: 2.5-liter inline four-cylinder

Transmission: Six-speed automatic; six-speed manual

Power/torque: 186 horsepower/185 foot-pounds

EPA fuel economy rating: 26 city/35 highway/30 combined (FWD auto); 25 city/35 highway/29 combined (FWD manual); 24 city/32 highway/27 combined (AWD auto, as tested)

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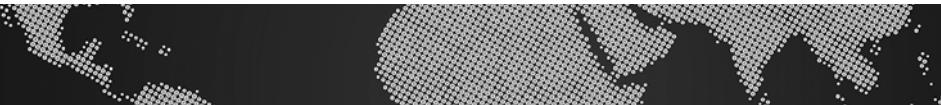
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OPINION

Trump could win again. Here's how

BY BRAD SCHILLER
Los Angeles Times

President Donald Trump isn't that worried about potential impeachment hearings. He even tries to goad Democrats into starting the process, knowing that will enliven his base and distract Democrats from their legislative agenda. And he has emerged from special counsel Robert Mueller's investigation seemingly unscathed, despite serious evidence of obstruction and unsavory behavior. The storm over Ms. Daniels has long faded way, with only her lawyer, Michael Avenatti, facing criminal charges.

Like him or not, Trump has proven to be a "Teflon president."

As the 2020 election campaign gets underway, Trump is exuding confidence. He boasts that he can beat any of the potential challengers, including "Pocahontas," "sleepy Joe," "crazy Bernie," "lightweight Kirsten" and, of course, "crooked Hillary." He predicts that he will 2020 margin of victory will exceed that of 2016.

While Trump may taunt his potential challengers and boast of easy victory, he surely harbors grave concerns about his reelection. He won in 2016 on economic issues. His promise to "Make America great again" reverberated with voters who had suffered through the worst post-recession recovery in U.S. history.

Now he faces a similar dilemma. Yes, the economy is doing quite well and unemployment is at historic lows — as Trump constantly reminds us. But voters have short memories. In November 2020, voters will be focused on contemporary economic conditions.

An electoral prediction model constructed by Yale University professor Ray Fair highlights Trump's problem. The Fair model says that people do vote their pocketbooks ("It's the economy, stupid"). Further, their votes can be predicted on the basis of only two pocketbook variables: gross domestic product growth and inflation. History has shown that this simple

model is one of the best crystal balls for foreseeing the next election. It correctly predicted Trump's 2016 win.

Based on current economic trends, the Fair model predicts a resounding victory for Trump in 2020. But trends can reverse. The problem for Trump is that voters won't be thinking about four years of economic performance when they assess the economy in November 2020. They will be thinking about conditions earlier than that year.

If the economy grows well in the first

three quarters of an election year, the incumbent gets credit — and many more votes. Fair calculates that an incumbent president picks up about two-thirds of a percentage point in the popular vote for every one point of per capita GDP growth in the first three quarters of an election year.

But if growth declines or turns negative, the same equation applies, except the president loses about two-thirds of a point in the popular vote. A president who lost the popular vote in 2016 with only a little more than 46% of the vote has to worry about such things.

Of course, Electoral College math overcomes Trump's second-place popular vote. But that has happened only five times in U.S. history. Typically, the winning candidate needs at least 50% of the popular vote to win. Obama had 50.1% in 2012 and 52.9% in 2008. Bush had 50.7% in 2004. The Fair model puts Trump comfortably above that threshold, with as much as 54% of the popular vote in 2020.

Trump's apparent margin of victory can be strengthened by a few more really good quarters of economic growth. Specifically, for any calendar quarter in which economic growth exceeds the long-term average of 3.2%, the incumbent picks up an additional four-fifths of a point in the popular vote. So

far, Trump has enjoyed three such "good news" quarters. They have added almost 2.4 points to his predicted vote share. Fair predicts those good quarters all but assure a Trump victory in 2020.

But Trump does have something to worry about. Economic forecasters are nearly unanimous in predicting an economic slowdown as the effects of the Trump tax cuts and Fed interest rate cuts dissipate. Many economists are predicting a recession in 2020. The trade wars that Trump has initiated may also spark unwelcome price increases. If economic growth turns negative and inflation rises, Trump's predicted margin of victory shrinks quickly.

This economic possibility is what must worry Trump. He wants a sure thing — not an economic contingency. To get that, he needs a guarantee of continuing economic growth. How can he get that guarantee? More tax cuts would do the trick, but the Democratic-controlled House would rather raise taxes than cut them. So fiscal policy may not do it.

What other policy lever is there? The Fed, of course. If the Fed cut interest rates again, that would give the economy another boost. But Fed policy has a long lead time. To boost economic growth in early 2020, the Fed would have to cut interest rates now. That's why Trump and his economic team are relentlessly pressing Fed Chairman Jerome H. Powell to cut interest rates. Trump knows that Chairman Powell is more important than Chairman Xi Jingping of China to his reelection. And he knows he can always cut a deal with Xi when he needs to. But the Fed is an independent agency that has demonstrated the ability to fend off Trump's attacks.

Trump's 2020 nightmare is a slowing economy, benignly overseen by an independent Fed.

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Biden's abortion funding flip hurts him, party

BY RAMESH PONNURU
Bloomberg Opinion

Maybe Joe Biden had to flip on the question of taxpayer funding for abortion in order to win the Democratic presidential nomination.

All of his rivals supported that funding, and the party has become more and more aggressive on abortion. Where the 1990s Democratic platforms said abortion should be "safe, legal and rare," the 2016 platform dropped that defensive note and included an explicit call to end the long-standing ban on using federal Medicaid funds for elective abortions.

But there will be a cost to Biden's choice.

First, it puts Biden on the unpopular side of the issue. Advocates of taxpayer funding can point to polls saying that most people support abortion — but that's true only when the polls have been worded not to mention taxpayer funding. A 2016 poll that clarified it was asking about Medicaid paying for abortions found that 58 percent

of the public opposed it.

Second, it means that the Democratic nominee will find it more difficult to portray Republicans as far right on abortion.

Republican opponents are on the wrong side of public opinion on several questions about the issue. If Biden had stuck with his opposition to taxpayer funding and won the nomination, he might have been able to draw a contrast between his own moderation and the Republicans' extremism. But the Democrats have now drawn more attention than ever before to a question where they're the ones who want a big change in abortion policy that most people oppose.

Third, it undermines Biden's chief asset in the primaries: the claim that he's electable. Liberal Democrats may not like Biden's record on crime or Iraq, but his relative moderation is supposed to make him a better bet to win in November 2020. If the left can browbeat him into discarding his moderate stands, though, where's the upside?

Fourth, it also undermines the message that Biden is a steady hand. If a stance he held for decades can be swept aside after a day of criticism from his opponents and interest groups — if he could so badly misinterpret the currents in his party — then

does all his vaunted experience really add up to good judgment?

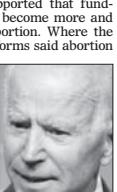
Fifth, the way the flip-flop brought highlights Biden's age. Last month, the former vice president was asked about government funding of abortion at a campaign event and appeared to say that he now favored it. Then the campaign explained that Biden had "misheard" the question and still opposed funding. After intense criticism, Biden then said that he supported funding.

Biden has faced two big challenges in this race. One is ideological: Is he too moderate for today's Democratic Party? The other is personal: Is he too old to be the nominee and the president? The way his campaign has handled the taxpayer-funding question has brought both critiques together.

Biden is surely aware of some of these costs. There's a reason he hesitated to renounce his old stance. He probably decided that the Democratic Party's current level of devotion to abortion rights meant that he had to do it.

NARAL, the abortion rights group, was triumphant after Biden made his announcement. I'll bet it brought a smile to President Donald Trump's face too.

Ramesh Ponnuru is a Bloomberg Opinion columnist.

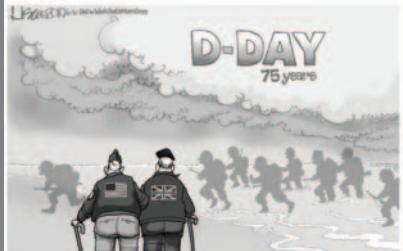


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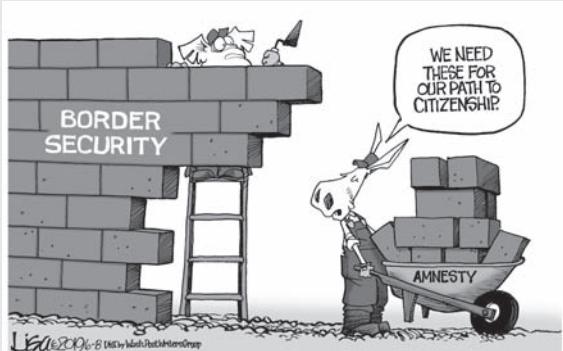
Portrait of Joe Biden, author of the opinion piece.

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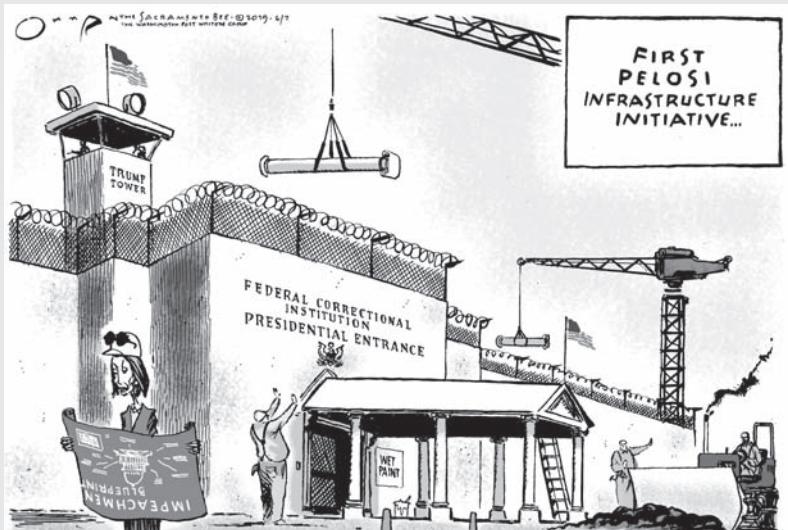
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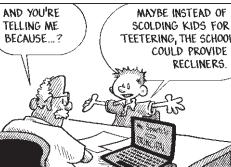
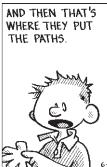
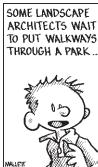


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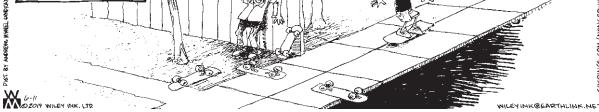
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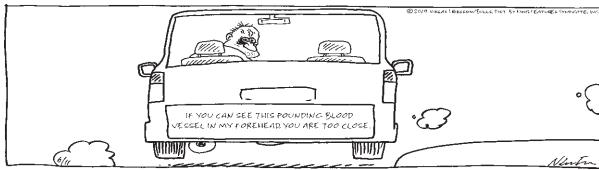
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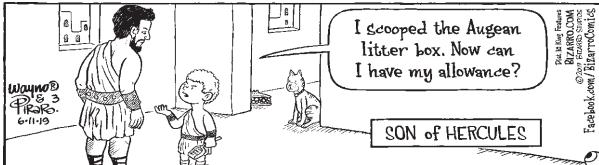
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Louisville 2, East Carolina 0

Louisville 14, East Carolina 1

Saturday: Louisville 12, East Carolina 0

Louisville 14, Florida 0

At Hawkins Field

Kennesaw, Tenn.

Vanderbilt 13, Duke 2, Duke 1

Duke 18, Vanderbilt 5

Vanderbilt 13, Duke 2

Sunday: Vanderbilt 13, Duke 2, Vanderbilt 21

At Rip Griffin Park

Auburn, Texas

Texas Tech 2, Oklahoma State 1

Texas Tech 10, Oklahoma State 9

Oklahoma State 6, Texas Tech 5

Sunday: Texas Tech 8, Oklahoma State 6

6, Texas Tech 8, Oklahoma State 6

At Jackie Robinson Stadium

Los Angeles

Michigan 1, UCLA 1

Michigan 3, UCLA 2

UCLA 5, Michigan 4, 12 innnings

Sunday: Michigan 10, UCLA 9, Michigan advances

At Baum Stadium

Chapel Hill, N.C.

North Carolina 1

North Carolina 10, Stanford 2

Sunday: Mississippi State 8, Stanford 1, Mississippi State advances

At Baum Stadium

Fayetteville, Ark.

Arkansas 1, Mississippi 1

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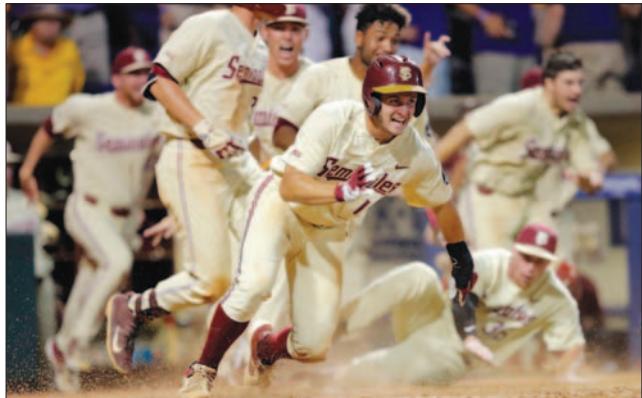
At Alex Box Stadium

Baton Rouge, La.

Florida State 2, LSU 0

Sunday: Florida State 5, LSU 4, 12 innnings, Florida State advances

BASEBALL



GERALD HERBERT/AP

Florida State's Mike Salvatore reacts after crossing home plate to score the winning run Sunday against LSU in the 12th inning of Game 2 of the NCAA super regionals in Baton Rouge, La.

FSU, Michigan reach CWS

By ERIC OLSON
Associated Press

Florida State coach Mike Martin, the all-time wins leader in all NCAA sports, will get one more shot at winning his first national championship before he retires.

The Seminoles continued their improbable post-season surge with a 5-4 win over LSU in 12 innings Sunday night to complete a two-game super regional sweep.

Now, Martin and his team are off to Omaha, Neb., for the College World Series. It's the 23rd trip for the program and 17th for Martin.

"So excited I can't stand it," he told his wife, Carol, on the field after the game in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Michigan, like Florida State one of the last teams picked for the 64-team national tournament, knocked off No. 1 overall seed UCLA 4-2 in a Game 3 in Los Angeles to secure its first CWS appearance since the Barry Larkin-led Wolverines in 1984. It was the second straight time UCLA failed to make it to Omaha as the top seed. The 2015 Bruins were eliminated in regionals.

Vanderbilt, Texas Tech and Mississippi State also won super regionals to advance. Louisville earned a CWS spot Saturday.

Florida State (41-21) has reached the NCAA Tournament in each of Martin's 40 seasons, but barely got in this year. An up-and-down regular season and a so-so resume left the Seminoles vulnerable on selection day, and they were awarded one of the last four at-large bids.

They beat No. 4 national seed Georgia twice while going 3-0 in their regional and then they went into Alex Box Stadium, one of the toughest road environments in the nation, and won two close games over the Tigers.

Drew Mendoza delivered the key hit with two outs in the 12th, sending Devin Fontenot's 2-2 pitch into right field to score Mike Salvatore from second for the walk-off win.

His wife blowing kisses to him from the stands, Martin pumped his right fist and shouted, "Yes! Yes! Yes!" before descending the dugout steps after an on-field celebration. Martin, 75, announced after last season that 2019 would be his final year as coach.

Michigan got a big pitching performance from Tommy Henry, who was battling the flu, and a tie-breaking two-run single in the sixth inning from Ako Thomas, who was 1 for his previous 13.

The Wolverines (45-20) had lost six of eight games spanning the regular season and Big Ten Tournament and were anxious about their fate on NCAA selection day. They won their regional in Corvallis, Ore., and stayed on the West Coast and eliminated the team that topped the polls for most of the

season.

Henry pitched seven strong innings in the deciding game before fellow left-hander Benjamin Keizer took over. With the Bruins threatening with runners on second and third in the ninth, Keizer got the game-ending groundout.

Austin Martin hit two of Vanderbilt's five home runs in a 13-2 win over Duke the day after the Commodores' Kumar Rocker threw the first no-hitter in the 20-year super regional era.

Texas Tech's Kurt Wilson hit a three-run homer in the eighth inning for the fifth and final lead change in an 8-6 win over Oklahoma State.

Mississippi and North Carolina also won and evened their series to force Game 3s on Monday for the final two CWS spots.

No. 2 Vanderbilt (54-11) rebounded from an embarrassing 18-5 loss on its home field in Game 1 on Friday to dominate the Blue Devils. Rocker struck out 19 in his no-hitter Saturday, and the Commodores were up 9-1 in the third inning Sunday on their way to punching their ticket to Omaha for the first time since 2015 and fourth since 2011.

No. 8 Texas Tech (44-18) is in the CWS for the second straight year and fourth time since 2014 after prevailing at home in a back-and-forth three-game series with its Big 12 rival. Down 6-4 in the eighth, Tech pulled within a run when first-round draft pick Josh Jung hit his second homer of the game to bring on Ben Leeper. He walked two batters before Wilson launched a high breaking pitch over the right-field wall.

No. 6 Mississippi State (51-13) is in its 11th CWS and second in a row, this time with first-year coach Chris Lemonis, after beating Stanford 8-1. Dustin Skelton's three-run triple made it 4-1 in the third inning and Elijah MacNamee hit a three-run homer in the ninth.

In other super regionals, Tyler Keenan tripled, hit one of Ole Miss' four home runs and had four RBIs to lead the Rebels past Arkansas 13-5, and North Carolina's Austin Bergner and Austin Love combined for a shutout in a 2-0 win over Auburn.

Big bats

- Martin was 4-for-10 with six RBIs in the super regional and heads to the CWS with a .410 batting average.

Mound marvels

- LSU's Fontenot struck out a career-high 11 in 6 1/3 innings of play, and the only two hits against him came in the 12th.

- Florida State's CJ Van Eyk went 7 1/3 innings and allowed four runs on eight hits.

Big Papi stable after shooting

Ortiz ambushed by gunman in homeland

By MARTIN JOSE ADAMES
ALCANTARA
Associated Press

SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic — Doctors removed David Ortiz's gallbladder and part of his intestine after the beloved former Boston Red Sox slugger known as Big Papi was ambushed by a gunman at a bar in his native Dominican Republic, a spokesman said Monday.

Leo Lopez said that the retired athlete's liver was also damaged and that he was in stable condition in intensive care. He said Ortiz will be flown to Boston once his condition improves.

Ortiz, 43, is one of the most popular figures in sports history in the Dominican Republic and Boston, a fearsome power hitter with a ready smile. He led the Red Sox to three World Series championships, was a 10-time All-Star and hit .341 home runs.

Dozens of fans crowded the hospital in Santo Domingo where Ortiz was being treated, causing a traffic jam. In the U.S., fans prayed for his recovery.

"He's a great friend to the city of Boston," Sheila Kieran said. New England Patriots star Julian Edelman joined the throngs of pro sports figures who took to social media to wish Ortiz well, assuring him on Instagram: "Papi, all of New England has your back."

Ortiz was at the Dial Bar and Lounge in Santo Domingo on Sunday night when a gunman approached from behind and shot him at close range, said National Police Director Ney Aldrin Bauza Almonte.

The gunman was captured and beaten by a crowd of people at the bar, and police were waiting for him to undergo treatment for his injuries before questioning him, authorities said. Investiga-

tors said they were trying to determine whether Ortiz was the intended target.

Ortiz's father, Leo, told reporters he had no idea why someone would have shot at his son. "He is resting," the elder Ortiz said. "Big Papi will be around for a long time."

The Red Sox said in a statement that Ortiz was wounded in the "lower back/abdominal region" and that the team offered his family "all available resources to aid in his recovery."

Two other people were wounded, including Jhoel Lopez, a Dominican TV host who was with Ortiz. Police believe Lopez was wounded by the same bullet, Bauza said.

Lopez was shot in the leg, and his injuries were not life-threatening, said his wife, Liza Blanco, who is also a TV host.

Police did not identify the third person or detail that person's injuries.

The bar is on Venezuela Avenue, a bustling nightspot district packed with dance clubs and expensive bars that Ortiz is known to frequent.

Ortiz, who retired after the 2016 season and lives at least part of the year in the Dominican Republic, is often seen getting his cars washed and hanging out with friends, including other baseball players, artists and entertainers.

The Red Sox retired his number, 34, in 2017, and Boston renamed a bridge and a stretch of road outside Fenway Park in his honor. He maintains a home in Weston, on the outskirts of Boston.

Ortiz galvanized the city after the 2013 Boston Marathon bombing that left three people dead, bellowing through a megaphone at Fenway Park: "This is our [expletive] city!"



ELISE AMENDOLA/AP

Former Boston Red Sox slugger David Ortiz was hospitalized Monday following surgery for a gunshot wound after being ambushed by a man in a bar in his native Dominican Republic, authorities said.

MLB

Yankees top Tribe, avoid series sweep

Hicks' 2-out RBI double in 10th lifts New York

By TOM WITHERS

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — The bullpen broke down, Didi Gregorius misplayed an easy grounder and another player went on the injured list.

The New York Yankees keep taking hits — and keep hitting back.

Aaron Hicks delivered an RBI double with two outs in the 10th inning as the Yankees overcame stunning errors in the ninth by stars Aroldis Chapman and Gregorius and avoided a sweep with a 7-6 win over the Cleveland Indians on Sunday.

Hicks' shot to the wall in left-center off Oliver Perez (1-1) scored Cameron Maybin, who had doubled with one out.

The Yankees, who could field a strong team just with their players sidelined by injuries, headed home to a Subway Series matchup against the Mets after salvaging one of three games against Cleveland. New York blew a 5-0 lead in the sixth and a 6-5 advantage in the ninth, when Chapman and Gregorius made mistakes.

"I feel like games are always like that here, but these are the kind of games you need," Hicks said. "It was a hard-fought game, lot of back and forth, and we needed

to win to end this road trip."

Chapman (1-1) got the win despite his shaky performance, and Stephen Tarpley, recalled earlier when the Yankees placed Domingo German on the injured list, struck out the side in the 10th for his first major league save.

Tarpley was the seventh reliever used by manager Aaron Boone, who had to rely on his bullpen after scheduled starter Masahiro Tanaka was placed on paternity leave.

"For Tarp to come in and close out the game was big," Boone said. "It was huge. That was about as tough a situation as you could come into. What a gutsy effort."

Brett Gardner hit a two-run homer for New York, which had won nine straight series before going 2-4 on a trip to Toronto and Cleveland.

Mike Freeman connected for a two-run homer and Jake Bauers and Leony Martín had solo shots for the Indians, who went 4-2 this week against AL Central-leading Minnesota and the powerful Yankees but didn't gain ground on the Twins.

"We'll win that game sometimes," Indians manager Terry Francona said. "We had a runner on third base. That was a heck of a game. There was a lot going on."



DAVID DERMER/AP

The Yankees' DJ LeMahieu throws to first base after forcing out the Indians' Carlos Santana at second in the eighth inning on Sunday in Cleveland. Mike Freeman would be safe at first base. The Yankees won 7-6.

Roundup

Moustakas HR earns fan new car as Brewers top Pirates

Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — Mike Moustakas launched a homer that won a new car for a fan, NL MVP Christian Yelich hit his major-league leading 24th home run on his bobblehead day and the Milwaukee Brewers beat the Pittsburgh Pirates 5-2 Sunday for a three-game sweep.

Moustakas connected for his 20th homer off Francisco Liriano (1-1), a tiebreaking, two-run drive in the eighth inning that hit a promotional cap perched above the right-center field fence.

Jeremy Jeffress (1-0) pitched the eighth. Josh Hader struck out the side in the ninth for his 16th save and moved the Brewers a season-high 10 games over .500.

Nationals 5, Padres 2: At San Diego, Howie Kendrick, Trea Turner, Adam Eaton and Anthony Rendon hit consecutive home runs in a span of seven pitches off Craig Stammen (4-3) with one in the eighth.

Reds 4, Phillies 3: Joey Votto tied the game for Cincinnati with a two-out single in the seventh inning and Eugenio Suarez followed with the go-ahead hit as Cincinnati avoided a three-game sweep.

Rays 6, Red Sox 1: Brandon Lowe hit a pair of solo homers that totaled 890 feet, and Blake Snell (4-5) allowed one run and five hits over six innings for visit-



JEFFREY PHELPS/AP

The Brewers' Ryan Braun makes a sliding catch on a ball hit by the Pittsburgh Pirates' Colin Moran during the sixth inning of Sunday's game in Milwaukee. The Brewers won 5-2.

ing Tampa Bay, which took three of four from the World Series champions.

Braves 7, Marlins 6: At Miami, Ronald Acuna Jr. hit a three-run homer as Atlanta overcame a 5-1, ninth-inning deficit against Sergio Romo, and Matt

Joyce delivered a tiebreaking RBI singe in the 12th off Adam Conley (1-6).

Mets 6, Rockies 1: Noah Syndergaard (4-4) allowed one hit in seven shutout innings, and Todd Frazier homered and drove in four runs off Jeff Hoffman (1-3)

as New York took two of three from Colorado to complete a 4-2 homestand.

Twins 12, Tigers 2: At Detroit, Nelson Cruz homered for the fourth straight game and Miguel Sano, Byron Buxton and Eddie Rosario also connected.

Astros 4, Orioles 0: 21-year-old Yordan Alvarez hit a two-run homer in his major league debut for host Houston, connecting off Dylan Bundy (3-7) in the fourth inning.

White Sox 5, Royals 2: Yoan Moncada had four hits and an RBI for visiting Chicago, which lost the series opener but had back-to-back solid pitching performances to take the last two games.

Diamondbacks 8, Blue Jays 2: Carlson Kelly and Ketel Marte homered during an eight-run burst in the third inning and Arizona completed a three-game road sweep.

Dodgers 1, Giants 0: Walker Buehler and two relievers combined on a five-hitter as Los Angeles beat ace Madison Bumgarner and host San Francisco.

Mariners 9, Angels 3: Edwin Encarnacion hit two homers, including the 400th of his career, and Tom Murphy added two more as Los Angeles beat visiting Seattle.

Athletics 9, Rangers 8: Khris Davis homered for the first time nearly a month as visiting Oakland built an 8-0 lead and hung on for a four-game split.

Cubs 5, Cardinals 1: Kyle Hendricks tossed one-run ball over seven innings to win his sixth straight decision as Chicago completed the three-game home sweep.

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Cleveland 33 30 .508 10% —

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Detroit 21 35 .470 13% —

Kansas City 20 45 .308 23% —

West Division

Houston 40 22 .672 —

Texas 34 30 .531 9% —

Colorado 34 30 .531 9% —

Diamondbacks 31 35 .470 13% —

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Seattle 28 41 .406 18 —

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Sunday's games

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Arizona 8, Toronto 2

Minnesota 12, Detroit 2

NY, Mets 10, Atlanta 6, 10 innings

Houston 4, Baltimore 1

Chicago White Sox 5, Kansas City 2

Detroit 10, Cleveland 1

Seattle 9, LA, Angels 3

Cincinnati 4, Philadelphia 3

Atlanta 10, Milwaukee 3

NY, Mets 6, Colorado 1

Milwaukee 5, Pittsburgh 2

LA, Angels 10, San Francisco 0

Washington 5, San Diego 2

Chicago Cubs 5, St. Louis 1

Philadelphia 10, Miami 1

NY, Mets 6, N.Y. Yankees

Atlanta 10, Tampa Bay

Tampa Bay 10, Washington

Washington at Chicago White Sox

LA, Dodgers 6, Atlanta 1

Arizona 10, Philadelphia 1

St. Louis at Miami

Pittsburgh at Atlanta

Chicago 10, Colorado

Tuesday's games

NY, Mets 6, N.Y. Yankees

Tampa Bay 10, Atlanta

Toronto (Thornton 1-4) at Baltimore

(Mets 4-4)

Cincinnati (Castillo 6-1) at Cleveland

Bauer (6-1) at Fliers 5-3) at Tampa Bay (TB)

Texas (Jared 3-2) at Boston (TBD)

(Wilson 6-1) at Houston (Peacock 5-3)

Seattle (Leake 5-6) at Minnesota (Peretz 4-2)

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HIGH SCHOOL/SOCCER/SPORTS BRIEFS

DODEA alignment shifts to regions

By GREGORY BROOME
Stars and Stripes

The competitive balance is shifting again in DODEA Europe athletics.

A realignment announced last week by DODEA Europe athletic director Kathlene Clemmons will send Italian schools Naples and Vicenza from Division I to Division II, shift Black Forest Academy from Division II to Division I and move AFNORTH from Division II to Division III. The changes apply to all sports except football and starts in the 2019-20 school year.

The move represents a shift in approach for DODEA Europe, which formerly sorted its teams into divisions strictly by school population. This realignment, Clemmons explained, was intended to scale back on the considerable amount of time teams spend on the road.

"The decision to reorganize the divisions... was made to reduce travel time and minimize the loss of classroom instruction," Clemmons said. "Enrollment numbers and location of the schools also were factored into the decision."

In essence, the move consolidates Division I in the north of Europe and Division II in the south, with small Division III schools still widely scattered.

The new eight-team Division I field features six German schools along with Belgium-based SHAPE and England-based Lakenheath. Black Forest, a non-DODEA private school in Kandern, Germany, has typically played regular-season schedules primarily against Division I neighbors such as Kaiserslautern, Ramstein, Stuttgart and Wiesbaden, priming itself for highly successful tournament runs at the Division II level.

Naples and Vicenza return to Division II nearly five years after their shift to Division I as part of a major DODEA Europe realignment in 2014. The eight-team divisional lineup features four other Italian programs along with Bahrain and Spain-based Rota.

DODEA Europe had made an effort in recent seasons to incorporate Naples and Vicenza into the Division I regular-season mainstream, bringing the two Italian teams north and sending Lakenheath and the German schools south for midseason matchups. The travel required for those trips made for time commitments well in excess of the traditional Friday-Saturday format for DODEA Europe sports.

The move comes just weeks after Naples won the Division I boys soccer title, a breakthrough the two Italian schools had been chasing since joining the division a half-decade prior.

AFNORTH, meanwhile, follows the path of Spangdahlem as a Division II stalwart with an enrollment dwindling to Division

III levels. Spangdahlem made the switch last fall.

The Division III landscape is otherwise unchanged, as the wide expanse between DODEA Europe's smallest schools makes it all but impossible to achieve the kind of geographic order now evident in the other divisions. The division's nine far-flung members include Sigonella on the Italian island of Sicily, Alconbury in the English countryside north of London and Ankara in the Turkish capital along with a smattering of programs in Germany and Poland.

Changes are also afoot in DODEA Europe football, which has long operated under a divisional structure distinct from the organization's other sports.

The Division III football ranks add two more members in the form of a restarted Alconbury program, returning to the gridiron for the first time since 2015, and Spangdahlem, the former Division II dynasty making its expected shift to the small-school ranks.

The division's six-man brand of football has proven far more workable for DODEA Europe's lower-populated schools, offering respite for former Division II powers such as Ansbach, which restarted its latent football program and claimed the inaugural six-man championship last fall.

Division II will play with five teams (SHAPE stays at D-II for football) this fall. International School of Brussels has completed its withdrawal from DODEA Europe competition, at least for the time being. ISB pulled out of all other DODEA Europe sports in 2017.

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DODEA Europe non-football divisional alignment

*changes for 2019-20

Division I

*Black Forest Academy

Kaiserslautern

Lakenheath

Ramstein

Stuttgart

Vilseck

Wiesbaden

Division II

American Overseas School of Rome

Aviano

Bahrain

Florence

Marymount

*Naples

Rota

*Vicenza

Division III

*AFNORTH

Alconbury

Ankara

Ansbach

Baumholder

Brussels

Hohenfels

Sigonella



JOHN MINCHILLO/AP

Venezuela forward Jose Salomon Rondon, center, scores against United States goalkeeper Zack Steffen, left, and defender Aaron Long during the first half of an international friendly match Sunday in Cincinnati.

Venezuela shuts out US men

By JOE KAY
Associated Press

CINCINNATI — Sloppy defense, a poor goalkeeping decision, wasted chances. The United States set another historical marker in its latest shutout loss, and it was not the good kind.

Down by three goals after only 36 minutes, the U.S. fell to Venezuela 3-0 Sunday in its final exhibition tuneup for the CONCACAF Gold Cup. A young team showed its inexperience with little more than a week left before the tournament opener.

"Obviously I know what the narrative's going to be, that we have no chance, that we're going to lose and maybe not even make it out of the first round," coach Gregg Berhalter said.

The Americans wrote the narrative with their two unsettling exhibition losses.

On Wednesday, the U.S. lost to Jamaica 1-0, only its second

home defeat to a Caribbean nation in a half-century. Forward Josh Sargent and six others were cut from the roster a day later.

The revamped roster had another historical throwback when Venezuela surged ahead 3-0, marking the first time the U.S. trailed by three goals in an opening half since June 4, 2011, against world champion Spain.

Salomon Rondon had two of the goals, moving ahead of Juan Arango for the Venezuelan career scoring record with 24, and La Vinotinto beat the Americans for the first time after three defeats and two draws.

"I think now and we're humbled right now and we're ready to learn from our mistakes," defender Aaron Long said. "We had good chances today, and the score could have been a lot different. We're not going to hang our heads and say a 3-0 loss and we're playing terrible."

Up next is 175th-ranked Guy-

ana in the Gold Cup opener June 18 in St. Paul, Minn., the first competitive match for the Americans in 20 months.

The defense was the most glaring issue this time, with Berhalter describing it as "really careless."

The U.S. enters the Gold Cup with an unproven goalkeeper for the first time in three decades.

A bad decision by Zack Steffen, who was in goal for the second straight game, set up Venezuela's first score. His careless pass was intercepted, and Steffen was out of position as Rondon got the ball from Jhon Murillo and scored his 23rd international goal.

Rather than clearing the ball to his left, Steffen sent it into trouble just ahead of the penalty area.

"I didn't really pick up my head to look to the left," Steffen said. "My head was just straight forward. I wanted somebody to come to the middle. I unfortunately gave it away."

Briefly

More horses die at Santa Anita

Associated Press

ARCADIA, Calif. — A second horse in two days and 29th overall has died at Santa Anita, where management has chosen to continue racing for the rest of the current meet.

Truffalino collapsed in the final stages of the third race on Sunday. A track spokesman says the 3-year-old filly died of a heart attack.

She was trained by Hall of Famer Richard Mandella and was ridden by Joe Talamo. Truffalino had one win in six career starts and earnings of \$53,602, according to Equibase.

A day earlier, Formal Dude pulled up in the 10th race and was vanned off the track after breaking down nearing the finish line.

Tiago Pereira was aboard the favorite trained by Phil D'Amato. The 4-year-old gelding was winless in six career starts and had earnings of \$15,127, according to Equibase. Formal Dude was euthanized.

The California Horse Racing Board has recommended that the track suspend the remaining days of its meet, which is set to end June 23. However, Santa Anita management has chosen to continue racing.

Parker announces retirement from NBA

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Four-time NBA champion Tony Parker announced Monday he's retiring after 18 seasons.

The 37-year-old guard said on Twitter it was an emotional decision. Parker played 17 seasons for the San Antonio Spurs and made the postseason every year of his career before joining the Hornets last season and missing the playoffs. He was selected to the All-Star team six times.

"It's with a lot of emotion that I retire from basketball, it was an incredible journey!" Parker tweeted. "Even in my wildest dreams, I never thought I would live all those unbelievable moments with the NBA and the French National Team. Thank you for everything!"

Parker started 1,151 games regular season games and averaged 15.5 points and 5.6 assists per game.

WOMEN'S WORLD CUP

Scoreboard

First round

	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts
France	1	0	0	4	0	3
Norway	1	0	0	3	0	3
Nigeria	0	1	0	0	3	0
South Korea	0	1	0	0	4	0

Friday

France 4, South Korea 0

Saturday

Norway 3, Nigeria 0

Wednesday

At Grenoble, France

Nigeria vs. South Korea

At Nice, France

France vs. Norway

Monday, June 17

At Reims, France

France vs. Nigeria

At Reims, France

South Korea vs. Norway

Saturday

Germany 1, South Africa 1

Spain 3, South Africa 1

Wednesday

At Valenciennes, France

Germany vs. Spain

Tuesday, June 13

At Paris

South Africa vs. Chile

Monday, June 17

At Montpellier, France

Germany vs. South Africa

At Le Havre, France

China vs. Spain

Sunday

Brazil 3, Jamaica 0

Thursday

At Montpellier, France

Australia vs. Brazil

Friday, June 14

At Reims, France

Jamaica vs. Australia

Tuesday, June 18

At Grenoble, France

Australia vs. Jamaica

At Valenciennes, France

Italy vs. Brazil

Sunday

England 2, Scotland 1

Monday

At Paris

Argentina 0, Japan 0

Friday, June 14

At Reims, France

Japan vs. Scotland

At Le Havre, France

England vs. Argentina

Wednesday, June 19

At Nice, France

Japan vs. England

At Paris

Scotland vs. Argentina

Monday

At Montpellier, France

Canada vs. Cameroon

Tuesday

At Paris

New Zealand vs. Netherlands

Saturday, June 15

At Valenciennes, France

At Grenoble, France

Canada vs. New Zealand

Thursday, June 20

At Paris

Netherlands vs. Canada

At Montpellier, France

Cameroon vs. New Zealand

Sunday

At Paris, France

Chile vs. Sweden

At Reims, France

United States vs. Thailand

Sunday, June 16

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GOLF/AUTO RACING

Golf roundup

McIlroy rolls in Open prep

Associated Press

ANCASTER, Ontario — Call it the zone, call it the flow. Rory McIlroy is familiar with the feeling that golf is easy, he can swing freely and nothing bad will happen.

He first felt it at age 16 when he shot 61 at Royal Portrush in his native Northern Ireland, which will host this year's British Open. He experienced it during runaway victories at the U.S. Open and the PGA Championship. And he savored it again on Sunday en route to another 61, this one giving him a seven-shot victory in the Canadian Open.

"I think when you play, you get into stretches like this, you do get into some sort of flow, that flow state or in the zone or whatever anyone wants to call it. I definitely got into that a little bit today at the start of the back nine. It was the same that day at Portrush all those years ago," McIlroy said. "It's almost like you're out of your own body and looking at yourself play. For some times today that's how it felt. So if I could bottle that feeling and take it with me week to week, I would. Sort of comes and goes."

McIlroy added the Canadian Open to his schedule for the first time largely because it was moved to the week before the U.S. Open. He turned the major-championship tuneup into a career highlight, becoming the sixth player to win national championships in the U.S., Britain and Canada. Lee Trevino (1971) and Tiger Woods (2000) are the only players to win all three in the same season, something McIlroy could do this year with victories next week at Pebble Beach and at Royal Portrush in July.

It was McIlroy's fifth win in a national open, following the U.S. Open (2011), Australian Open (2013), British Open (2014) and Irish Open (2016). McIlroy also counts the Hong Kong Open (2011) as part of his national-championship tally.

"Some of the greats of the game have won my trophy. For me to put my name on it is something I'm very proud of," McIlroy said. "Part of the reason for playing here was I wanted my game to be in good shape for Pebble Beach, but [it] doesn't mean this tournament doesn't mean anything."

Starting the day in a three-way tie for the lead, McIlroy ended any suspense about who would emerge as the champion with five birdsies in his first seven holes, none from longer than 8 feet.

The only question on the back nine was whether McIlroy would shoot the 11th sub-60 round in PGA Tour history. He made four straight birdies from Nos. 11-14, and a bogey on the par-3 16th stalled him only momentarily. He followed with a 7-iron from 196 yards to 2½ feet for eagle on the par-5 17th to get to 10 under at par-70 Hamilton Golf and Country Club.



ADRIAN WYLD, THE CANADIAN PRESS/AP

Rory McIlroy laughs after donning a Toronto Raptors jersey during the trophy presentation Sunday at the Canadian Open in Ancaster, Ontario.

But he missed the green on the par-4 18th and his bunker shot went long. He ended up tapping in for bogey to finish at a tournament-record 22-under 258. The 61 equaled the low round of McIlroy's PGA Tour career.

McIlroy was five shots off the lead entering the weekend and shot 64 on Saturday before finding another gear on Sunday.

"I think what I'm proudest of is still playing with that freedom today going out being tied for the lead. Just putting my foot down and really making this tournament mine," McIlroy said. "I think by the time I got to the 14th tee I wasn't really thinking of winning the tournament. I was thinking of trying to shoot 59. I had to reassess my game a little bit in the middle of that back nine."

He settled for his 16th PGA Tour victory and 25th win worldwide, and the fourth by at least seven shots.

Shane Lowry and Webb Simpson tied for second at 15 under.

Adam Hadwin, seeking to become the first Canadian winner of the event since 1954, closed with a 70 and finished sixth, 10 shots back. His consolation prize was a spot in the British Open.

Graeme McDowell also earned his place in the British Open. The Portrush native guaranteed a seat in his hometown by holing a hard-breaking 29-footer for par on the par-4 18th to shoot 68 and finish in a tie for eighth.

"I had 12 feet of break on it. It was ridiculously tough putt to make," McDowell said. "Just finished it, I saw it, liked the way it looked, and when I saw it go in it was a huge relief."

This year's Open will be the first in Northern Ireland except its only previous visit to Royal Portrush in 1951.



PAUL CHIASSON, THE CANADIAN PRESS/AP

Ferrari driver Sebastian Vettel switches the standing markers to place Mercedes driver Lewis Hamilton second and himself first at the Formula One Canadian Grand Prix on Sunday in Montreal. Vettel finished first, but was given a five-second penalty.

Penalty costs Vettel Canadian GP win

Associated Press

MONTREAL — Defending champion Lewis Hamilton won the Canadian Grand Prix on Sunday to extend his overall lead after Ferrari driver Sebastian Vettel committed yet another error under pressure.

It was Hamilton's fifth win in seven races and 78th overall for the five-time F1 champion. His seventh win in Canada moved him level all-time with Michael Schumacher.

Vettel's car crossed the line first but Hamilton won after a time penalty was imposed on Vettel. The German driver reacted angrily after the race, including replacing a No. 1 sign in front of Hamilton's car with a No. 2 sign.

"Obviously I'm angry, as you can imagine," Vettel said. "I gave everything I had today and more."

Vettel finished in second place with teammate Charles Leclerc third ahead of Mercedes driver Valtteri Bottas, who secured a bonus point for the fastest lap.

In the standings, Hamilton is 29 points clear of Bottas and already 62 ahead of Vettel heading into the French GP in two weeks' time.

Vettel was leading the race from pole position with a little more than 20 laps remaining. But with Hamilton closing in, Vettel veered onto the grass before swerving back onto the track and forcing Hamilton to slam on his brakes.

Race stewards handed Vettel a five-second time penalty for unsafe re-entry.

An exasperated Vettel said on team radio "they're stealing this race from us" — and it clearly festered for the remaining laps — but it was another blunder from the four-time F1 champion following multiple mistakes in los-

ing the past two championships to Hamilton.

Vettel could not contain his anger at the decision taken by governing body FIA's stewards. He felt he had no choice but to momentarily go off track.

"Where am I supposed to go?" Vettel said. "This is a wrong world, this is not fair."

With his helmet still on, Vettel walked out of his car and did not stop for post-race interviews, instead marching to the Ferrari garage, perhaps to cool down, and then marching back.

But he was anything but calm upon his return.

Vettel grabbed the giant No. 1 sign parked in front of Hamilton's winning Mercedes on the grid, and placed the No. 2 sign in front of Hamilton's car instead. He lifted the No. 1 sign over to where his car should have been parked, as if he were the real winner.

The crowd cheered him, perhaps thinking he had claimed a symbolic victory.

Hamilton conceded "that's not the way I wanted to win" but added "I would've got past" if not for the incident.

Vettel's barren streak is now 15 races, dating back to the Belgian GP last August, while Hamilton is well poised in his bid for a sixth F1 title to move within one of Schumacher's all-time record.

Vettel's season is again proving incredibly frustrating.

As they climbed the podium, Hamilton showed a touch of class by grabbing Vettel's arm and pulling him alongside him on the top step. Hamilton was asked for his view and some of the crowd jeered him after he said "all I can say is I didn't make the decision."

Vettel intervened quickly and told the crowd not to boo Hamilton, but to jeer the stewards' decision itself.

STANLEY CUP FINAL

Bruins: GK Rask dominates

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"The whole hockey world loves a Game 7, so it should be a great night in Boston and may the best team win," Bruins coach Bruce Cassidy said.

Ryan O'Reilly scored in the third period for St. Louis, which is looking for the franchise's first Stanley Cup title in its 51st season. Rookie Jordan Binnington finished with 27 stops.

"We have to move on, get ready for the next one," O'Reilly said. "We're confident. We're a great road team. Maybe that's our story. Maybe we have to get it done on the road."

Backed by an electric Enterprise Center crowd that included actors Jon Hamm and Jenna Fischer and Cardinals catcher Yadier Molina, wearing a No. 49 Blues jersey in honor of suspended forward Ivan Barbashev, St. Louis looked a step off for most of the game. Prime scoring opportunities were derailed by misplaced passes or ever-so-slight timing issues.

Of course, the unflappable Rask can have that effect on a team. And whenever the Blues threatened, the 6-foot-3 Finnish star was there.

"He's our best player," Bruins defenseman Charlie McAvoy said. "He just steps up when it matters and we have all the faith in the world in him. ... He's our rock."

Rask was at his best while Boston killed off four power plays, dropping St. Louis to 1-for-18 with the man advantage for the series. He smothered a big Colton Parayko slap shot with Chara in the box near the end of the first period, and made a fancy glove stop on an even-strength try for Brayden Schenn 7:42 in the second.

He got some help after Marchand was whistled for tripping Alex Pietrangelo midway through the second. With the Blues applying heavy pressure in search of the tying goal, Pietrangelo had a backhand go off the left post and Rask's back before McAvoy knocked the puck out of the way out of midair.

"We weathered the storm pretty good," Rask said.

While St. Louis came up empty on the power play, Boston used a 5-on-3 advantage to jump in front in the first. With Schenn and O'Reilly in the box, Marchand beat Binnington with a sharpangled shot from the right circle at 8:40.

It was Marchand's first goal since he got an empty-netter in Boston's 4-2 victory in Game 1. The Bruins improved to 25-1 when the pesky veteran scores in the postseason.

Notes: Boston is hosting Game 7 in the Stanley Cup Final for the first time in franchise history.



BRUCE BENNETT/AP

Bruins right wing David Pastrnak, left, scores a goal over Blues goalie Jordan Binnington during the third period of Sunday's Game 6 of the Stanley Cup Final in St. Louis. Boston won 5-1 to even the series 3-3.

Missed opportunities hurt St. Louis

Lack of discipline catches up with Blues in Game 6

BY JOE HARRIS
Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Playing with fire finally caught up to the Blues.

Misled chances and an early rash of penalties cost St. Louis with a chance to win the first Stanley Cup championship in franchise history on home ice.

The Blues got off to a quick start with five of the first six shots in Game 6 against Boston on Sunday night, but then Brayden Schenn took a minor boarding penalty after smashing Joakim Nordstrom into the boards at 7:17 of the opening period. About a minute later, Ryan O'Reilly flipped the puck over the glass prompting a delay of game call, leaving St. Louis two men down.

The lack of discipline that St. Louis has used to its advantage throughout the postseason — playing hard, roughing up opponents while dodging bullets on the penalty kill — caught up to the Blues quickly this time. Boston needed just 21 seconds to convert on the 5-on-3 on a Brad Marchand one-timer to make it 1-0.

Seconds before taking the penalty, O'Reilly actually had a short-handed breakaway but the puck rolled off of his stick before he could get a shot off.

The missed opportunity followed by the Bruins cashing in on their set the tone in St. Louis' 5-1 loss.

Scoreboard

Stanley Cup Final

(Best-of-seven; x-if necessary)
Game 6 — St. Louis 1, Boston 5

Boston 4, St. Louis 2
St. Louis 3, Boston 2, OT
Boston 3, St. Louis 2
St. Louis 4, Boston 2
St. Louis 2, Boston 1

Sunday, June 9, 2019, at St. Louis 1
x-Wednesday; at Boston, AFN-Sports2,
2 a.m. Thursday CET; 9 a.m. Thursday

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Sunday

Bruins 5, Blues 1

Boston 1 0 4-5
St. Louis 0 0 1-1

First Period — 1, Boston, Marchand 5
(Pastrnak, Krug), 8:40 (pp).

Third Period — 2, Boston, Carlo 2
(Marchand, Pastrnak), 10:15.
3, Boston, Kuraly 1
(Krejci), 10:15.
4, St. Louis, O'Reilly 1
(Pietrangelo, Perron), 12:01.
5, Boston, Schenn 1, 12:10.
6, Boston, Chara 2, 17:41.

Shots on Goal — Boston 12-8-12—32. St. Louis 12-10-10—32.

Power-play opportunities — Boston 1 of 2; St. Louis 0 of 4.

Goals — Boston, Rask 15-8 (29 shots-28 saves); St. Louis, Binnington 15-10 (31-27).

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"We did have some good chances, but we need the result," O'Reilly said. "We have to be better."

Goaltender Tuukka Rask did the rest, shutting down the Blues. When Rask couldn't make the save, his defense was there as Charlie McAvoy swiped a puck away that was rolling off of Rask's



Bruins left wing Jake DeBrusk, left, joins the celebration after Brad Marchand, right, scored a goal against the Blues during the third period of Game 6 on Sunday in St. Louis.

back.

Rask frustrated the Blues all night, finishing with 28 saves.

"We've got to get more pucks to the net, a little bit more traffic and get one of those really dirty ones," Blues forward Alexander Steen said. "It was a tight game. I think when it's like that we need to get to the inside a bit more, create some traffic, make it tougher."

The Blues had four power plays to the Bruins' two, but couldn't convert any of them even though they put 12 shots on net. St. Louis

is just 1-for-18 with the man advantage through the first six games of the Stanley Cup Final, a far cry from Boston's 7-for-21.

"I thought we had good looks," Blues forward David Perron said. "Of course we want to score on the power play, but I don't think that's why we lost the game. We made some mistakes that ended up in the back of our net."

St. Louis now faces a Game 7 in Boston on Wednesday.

"It's tough but we have to find a way," Perron said.

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Rask up to the task

Bruins GK shuts down Blues to force Game 7

BY JAY COHEN
Associated Press

Facing elimination in an oh-so-hostile environment, Tuukka Rask and Brad Marchand stepped up for the Boston Bruins once again.

The Stanley Cup Final is heading to Game 7 because two of Boston's biggest stars love the biggest moments.

Rask made 28 saves, Marchand had a goal and an assist, and the Bruins beat the St. Louis Blues 5-1 on Sunday night to even the bruising, physical final at three games apiece.

David Pastrnak had one of Boston's four goals in the third period and an assist, helping the Bruins force the 17th Game 7 in Stanley Cup history. Bradon Carlo, Karsor Kuhlman and Zdeno Chara also scored.

"We're fighting for our lives, obviously," Marchand said. "When you play desperate, I think you deserve everyone's best game."

Boston also was involved in the final's last Game 7, winning the championship at Vancouver in 2011. Rask was a reserve goaltender on that team eight years ago, while Marchand was a key performer. They will go for another

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Bruins goaltender Tuukka Rask blocks a shot in front of St. Louis Blues center Ryan O'Reilly during the first period of Game 6 of the Stanley Cup Final on Sunday in St. Louis.

JEFF ROBERSON/AP

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